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Southern celebrates Earth Day

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Awareness, appreciation and an anniversary – it's all a part of Missouri Southern's Earth Day celebrations, April 21-25.

These dates mark Campus Appreciation Week, which goes along with Earth Day on Tuesday.

"It's a call to the students to smell the roses and appreciate the beauty we have on campus," said Dr. Ann Marlowe, professor of English.

Marlowe began Campus Appreciation Week five years ago, and this year she has organized a tree planting to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Biology Pond.

The celebration will take place at 1:30 p.m., Thursday at the Biology Pond. A flowering cherry tree will be planted along with a plaque commemorating the 30th anniversary, which actually occurred in the fall of 2002.

The tree and plaque cost $50, which was provided by Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for business affairs. The campus maintenance crew will assist with the planting.

Eventually, the pond will be surrounded by a Japanese garden. Russell G. Smith II, a former member of the Board of Regents, has already donated a red bridge for the pond to help support the creation of the garden.

On Thursday, several faculty members will speak at the planting, including Dr. John Messick, dean of the school of arts and sciences; Smith; Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant; Rod Surber, director of public information; Dr. John Knapp, professor of geophysics; and Robert Heth, assistant professor of biology. Joplin City Council member Rebecca Kanan will speak as well. An acoustic band may also play.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, and Student Senate members will also attend. All faculty, students and community members are invited.

Marlowe hopes the celebration will create awareness throughout the campus about environmental issues.

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Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Jacob Brower (right), candidate for Student Senate president, campaigns April 14 outside Billingsly Student Senate during officer elections.

Student Senate elections see close race

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

History was made at this year's Student Senate officer election.

Zack Odem was re-elected Senate president with 55 votes. For only the second time in Missouri Southern history, a Senate president ran for and won re-election.

"This has been the most amazing election we have had in the history of Missouri Southern," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

Lisa Funderburk was the first Senate president to be re-elected serving a term from 1983-1985.

Another record breaker was the write-in candidacy of Andrew McGowan.

"This is the best write-in candidacy we have ever had at Southern," Carnahan said.

McGowan tied for second place with Jacob Brower, each receiving 53 votes.

McGowan originally planned to run for president on the ballot. After talking to Odem, he decided not to run since Odem was going to actively pursue re-election. Once Odem decided not to actively run for the presidency, it was too late for McGowan to run on the ballot, so he decided to run as a write-in candidate.

"I really wanted to be president; I thought I had a lot to offer, but I didn't want to jeopardize my friendship with Zack," McGowan said.

Odem asked McGowan to serve as parliamentarian.

"It's the best job in the world because you get to yell at people and don't have to be elected to do it," McGowan said.

"I decided to be on the ballot and see how it turned out," Odem said. "If the students wanted me as their president again, I'd do it to the best of my ability. I was fine with turning the presidency over to someone else if that is what the students decided they wanted. But in the end, the students spoke and I was re-elected."

"It's frustrating to only lose by two points," Brower said. "Zack is a proven leader, he had done an excellent job. Regardless, we will have good leadership next year."

Stacey Allen was re-elected as secretary. She was unopposed.

"I wasn't as nervous this year as I was last year," she said. "But if I'd have run against someone it may have better shown that the students really wanted me in office."

Allen is a senior elementary education major.

Mandy Witt was elected as treasurer with 133 votes. She too was unopposed.

"I thought I'd bring my experience as treasurer for other organizations to the Senate," she said.

Witt is a junior accounting and business education major.

In other news: awards were presented at the Senate picnic for the officers as well as a new award for Senator of the Year, the brainchild of Casey Highland, senior senator.

There were four nominees for the award: Mandy Witt, Sarah Seibert, John Tipton and John Smith.

Tipton was the first recipient of the award.

"I didn't even dream of it," he said. "This is one of the greatest honors I have ever had. We had a good Senate this year because we did things. We had some controversy but without controversies, you're not accomplishing anything."

Campus makes plans for new rec center

BY HANNAH MARSH
Staff Writer

New proposals have been made for the addition of a new recreation center on the campus of Missouri Southern.

The first proposal previously made was the construction of a multi-million dollar stand-alone facility to be located on the corner of Newman and Duquesne. Other proposals include making revisions to Young Gym and Leggett & Platt. The latest proposal is adding onto the west and southwest land areas behind Billingsly Student Center.

"I would prefer a stand alone facility, but it comes down to the cost," said Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation. "This is a good compromise because Billingsly is truly a student service building."

Fullerton said College President Julio León is concerned that the stand-alone building would cost too much and does not want to make the students pay much extra. Whatever the building costs, students will most likely be paying an extra fee per semester to help fund it. Fullerton also says the majority of students that have been asked about an increase in fees wouldn't mind paying extra.

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Izumi Sogo/The Chart

A group of students plays basketball in Young Gymnasium. A recent proposal suggests making revisions to the gym for a rec center.

Instructor receives nationwide research award

BY PHILIP RYCHCIK
Staff Writer

The John A. Hartford Foundation will be sending a Missouri Southern instructor back to school.

Founded in 1929, the philanthropic organization presents eight awards nationwide for research and advancement in healthcare for senior citizens. Dr. Catherine Cole, assistant professor of nursing, is the recipient of a $100,000 research grant for a two year, post doctoral study at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

"I just finished my dissertation last May and I still had many questions," Cole said. "One of the things about research is it answers some questions, but it raises more questions. I was aware of the work they were doing at the University of Arkansas, and I was very pleased that they were willing to work with me."

Cole will be studying the effects of progressive

TURN TO **COLE**, PAGE 2

Administrator announces retirement

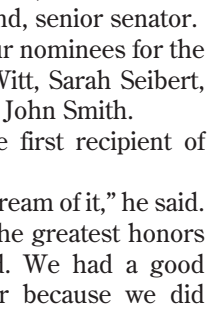
BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

If there was one thing Dr. Larry Martin didn't enjoy about his job with Missouri Southern, it was his vacation plan.

In 38 years he was never able to take a few days off in the spring or fall.

"There are a lot of things that I'd like to see that are best seen in the spring or fall," said Martin, Southern's vice president for academic affairs. "I want to be able to enjoy those times."

Martin will be retiring at the end of the academic school year.



Dr. Larry Martin
Vice President
for Academic Affairs

"We are indebted to Dr. Martin for this dedicated service and the many contributions he has

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SATURDAY
Rain
High: 72
Low: 52

SUNDAY
Rain
High: 68
Low: 53

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Chart wins Best in State

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Chart was named "Best In State" at the Missouri College Media Association's annual convention on April 12 held at Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield.

Campus newspapers from 28 colleges and universities in the state of Missouri competed at this year's convention. A team of four judges selected the "Best In State" recipient from among the best overall winners in the four divisions.

Items submitted for competition came from issues published during the spring and fall 2002 semesters under the direction of Allison Rosewicz, editor-in-chief for 2002-2003, and J.R. Ledford, editor-in-chief for 2001-2002.

The Chart received the following awards: first in best overall newspaper, and seconds for in-depth news reporting and special section.

Staff members receiving individual awards include Rosewicz, first in editorial writing and seconds in news writing and sports column; Philip Martin, honorable mention in sports writing; J.R. Ledford, second in investigative reporting; Michelle Conty, honorable mentions in regular column and editorial page; Russ Hagerman, second in news photography; Andy Tevis, firsts in feature photography and sports photography, second in photo page, and honorable mention in sports photography; Bill Shepherd, honorable mention in feature photography; Jim Kesinger, firsts in editorial cartoon and entertainment cartoon; Rosewicz and Jeff Reid, first in page one design; Martin, Eric Scott, Tevis, Jerry Manter, second in sports page; Josh Ray, third in feature page; and Desara Short, second in advertising.

COLE:

From Page 1

resistance training and social activity interventions on cognitively impaired nursing home residents. Cognitively impaired individuals include victims of stroke, Alzheimer's disease, depression, and various other conditions.

Cole is excited about the opportunity but is also grateful to those outside of the Hartford Foundation who helped it to come to fruition.

"I feel very lucky that the College is giving me a two year leave of absence. Part of the criteria for this award was that I devote my full attention to it," she said.

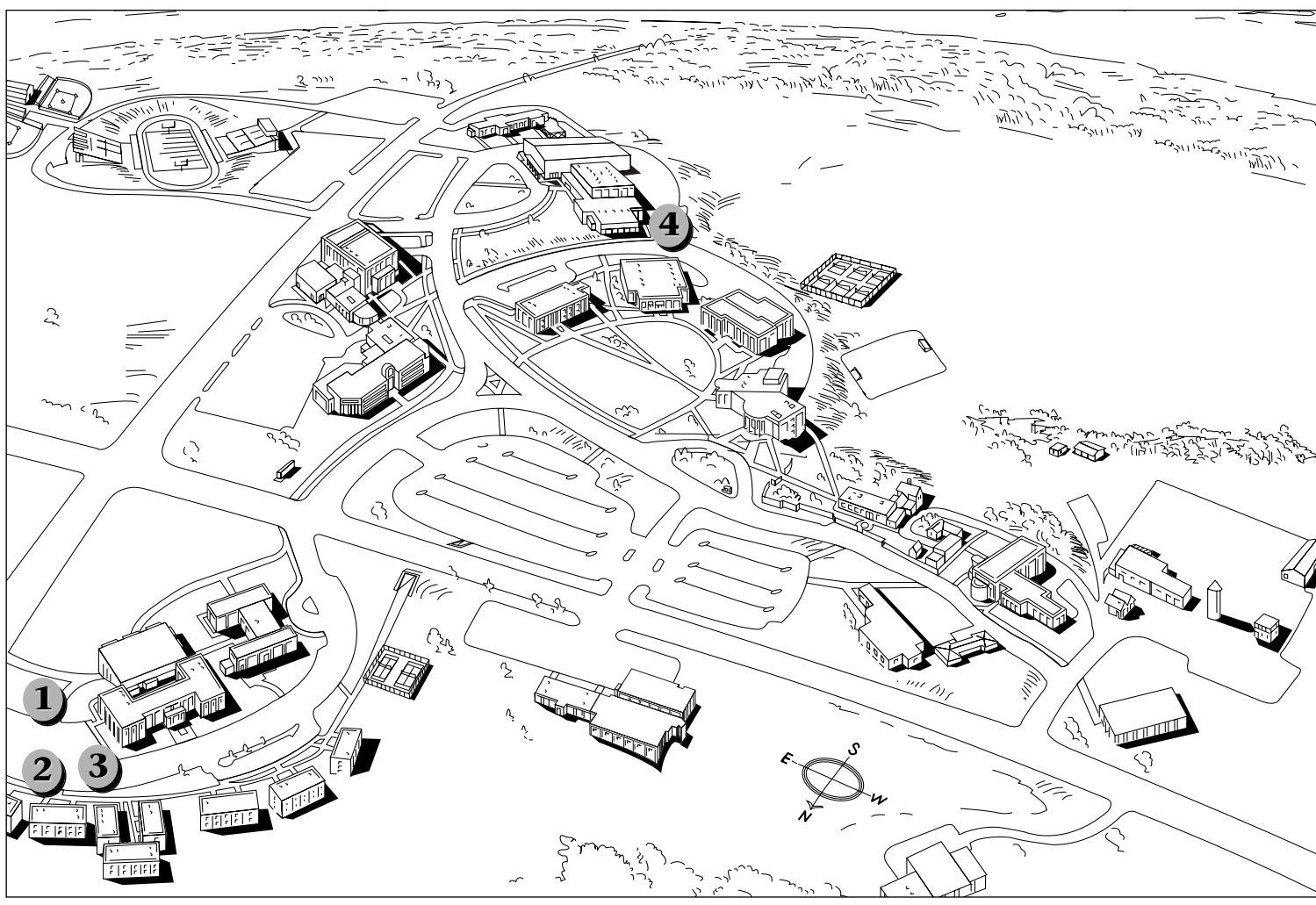
"I want to thank Dr. Box, Dr. Strait, Dr. Messick and the Board of Regents. I want to thank my family as well."

Dr. Barbara Box, professor of nursing, acknowledges that Cole will be missed but thinks she will bring valuable experience from her study with her when she returns to Southern.

Dr. Catherine Cole
Assistant Professor of Nursing

"There is a terrific shortage of nursing staff [at Southern], but Dr. Cole has achieved national recognition for this prestigious Hartford grant," said Box.

"I think it's such an achievement."



College car moves despite dead battery

1 Drug Law Violation

04/09/03

10:46 p.m.

A staff assistant in East Hall contacted security stating there was a potential drug violation in a student room. The SA asked for permission to search the room, and found nothing. However, after threatening to call Joplin Police Department, a student confessed to having paraphernalia, and handed over a pipe, a package of Zig-Zags, and a bag of marijuana.

One student was arrested by JPD, and the other two were set to meet with the dean of students to determine the punishment.

2 Theft

04/14/03

4:15 p.m.

Security was contacted by a student who said his CD player was missing from his car. The student was unsure as to how entry was gained to the vehicle, as there was no apparent damage.

The CD player was valued at $160.

3 Suspicious Activity

04/15/03

6:50 a.m.

A security officer was making rounds when he saw a person at a truck that had just been decorated with paper towels and toothpaste. When the person saw the security officer, she got into a truck, said something to the officer about the truck belonging to her sister and drove off.

4 Damaged Property

04/15/03

4:20 p.m.

An officer was contacted by a faculty member, stating there had been a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, the officer found no subjects present. However, the damaged vehicle, which belongs to the College, had moved five parking spaces south. A faculty member advised security the battery in the car was dead, and he did not know how it was moved.

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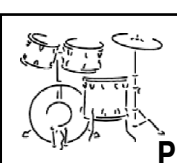
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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Rain — High: 70 Low: 46

Saturday — Rain — High: 72 Low: 52

Sunday — Rain — High: 68 Low: 53

Monday — Showers Possible — High: 69 Low: 51

Tuesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 70 Low: 50

Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 73 Low: 52

Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 75 Low: 49

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	55	36	67/44	0.00"
Tuesday	38	35	67/44	Trace
Wednesday	51	30	67/44	0.00"
Thursday	69	27	68/45	0.00"
Friday	77	37	68/45	0.00"
Saturday	82	46	68/45	0.00"
Sunday	85	47	69/46	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....Trace
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.98"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.98"
Precipitation for the year .....7.17"
Normal precipitation year to date .....9.51"
Departure from normal for the year ...-2.34"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

A strong area of low pressure along with a slow-moving cold front will trigger a likely chance of rain across the campus today through this weekend. Breezy conditions are also expected Saturday, with the possibility of some heavy downpours. A few lingering showers are expected early next week. High pressure should take control of our weather by midweek, allowing skies to become partly cloudy. This will be your best time to schedule outdoor activities. High temperatures will be in the upper 60s to the mid-70s. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 4/23 — New 5/1 — First 5/9 — Full 5/15

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:39 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	10:36 p.m.	7:57 a.m.
Sat	6:38 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	11:51 p.m.	8:39 a.m.
Sun	6:36 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	None	9:29 a.m.
Mon	6:35 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	1:30 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
Tue	6:34 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	2:00 a.m.	11:27 a.m.
Wed	6:32 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	2:50 a.m.	12:32 p.m.
Thu	6:31 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	3:31 a.m.	1:37 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will slide through the eastern United States to end the week. A likely chance of precipitation will occur, stretching from the Midwest into the New England states. A developing storm system will move into the Great Plains this weekend. As this system draws in tropical air from the south, a good chance of precipitation will occur along with a moderate threat for severe weather. This system will continue to progress into the eastern United States as we begin next week, promoting widespread showers and thunderstorms from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes. An area of low pressure will move into the Pacific Coast states to begin next week. This low pressure center will provide a good chance of precipitation along with breezy conditions.

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Weather History

April 17, 1953 - A severe hailstorm accompanied by snow, sleet, glaze and rain pelted parts of Tulsa, Washington and Rogers Counties in northeastern Oklahoma late in the day. Nearly 10,000 insurance claims were filed.

Weather Trivia

What is the highest temperature ever recorded on Earth?

Answer: The Libyan Desert has reached 136 degrees Fahrenheit.

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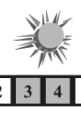

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0-2: Minimal Exposure
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7-9: High Exposure
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Local Precipitation Log

Month	2003	2002	Normal
Jan	0.30	3.09	1.74
Feb	2.53	0.72	2.12
Mar	2.97	2.65	3.10
Apr	1.37	4.10	4.10
May	------	13.60	4.96
Jun	------	4.71	5.07
Jul	------	4.87	3.73
Aug	------	1.14	3.58
Sep	------	1.64	4.97
Oct	------	2.30	3.50
Nov	------	0.56	3.18
Dec	------	2.10	2.54
Total	**7.17**	**41.48**	**42.59**

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Joyce Braudaway, Joplin resident and former Southern employee, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis more than four years ago.

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"It's a different day for every MS patient...but, I will still be here to see my kids graduate."

Joyce Braudaway
Joplin Resident

A Lifelong Battle

Former Southern employee battles multiple sclerosis, strives to live life to the fullest

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

All Joyce Braudaway wanted to do was cross the finish line.

It was in sight, right over the last hill.

"Are you all right?" her husband Dean Braudaway said while driving alongside her.

"Yeah, we're going to make it," Braudaway said. "I'm going to make it."

Braudaway finished her three-mile trek through the streets of Joplin and crossed the finish line happy and a little exhausted. She picked up a few refreshments and a new T-shirt, walked over to a message board and read her parent's message they had just posted.

"We would change places with you in a heart beat."

Although it meant the world to Braudaway to finish the race, it was her parent's words that made sense and shed a little more light over her illness.

"It meant so much to me to know that they would do that," Braudaway said. "It was amazing all the love that was there."

Braudaway wasn't walking in any competition. She wasn't expecting any shiny medals either.

She was raising money to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis — a disease she battles every day.

Everything in Braudaway's life was on track in 1998. She graduated from Missouri Southern with a grade-point-average close to 4.0, and was named Southern's next student account manager.

But she knew something was wrong when, at times, her legs would lose feeling and her vision became blurred.

"Everything was shutting down," Braudaway said.

She was scared, even more so when doctors explained to her that the CAT-scan results indicated she had lesions on her brain.

"I didn't know enough about it," she said. "I didn't know what it was."

Although Braudaway was afraid about having a disease with no cure, she wanted to continue working to keep her mind fresh, and if anything, stay busy.

Every morning Dean would drive her to work and help her to the office. Her mobility was deteriorating so much that she was confined to her chair for most of of the day.

The pain in her legs was painful, but it never compared to the frustration Braudaway dealt with when she tried to help her children work on homework. She loved helping them anyway possible, but sometimes her MS would kick in and stall her mind from basic functions.

"Mobility wasn't the hardest thing," she said. "I'm a perfectionist. There are times when I knew the answer, but I couldn't figure it out."

Her family has dealt with the news relatively well. They talk open with each other about the disease and its effects.

For information on multiple sclerosis and to find out how to donate money to the MS Society visit:

www.nationalmssociety.org

"The kids ask a lot of questions," she said. "They're learning as we go."

Braudaway's parents, however, had a more difficult time accepting their daughter's illness.

"Mom and Dad had a hard time with it," she said. "They weren't here on a daily basis. They had a lot of questions."

The stress and the physical strain of her body at work became too much for her to handle and forced her to resign.

"Part of me beats me up," she said. "Sometimes, I feel like I gave up too soon."

She knows, however, in the end, it was the right decision.

"Stress affects everything else, it would affect MS too," she said.

As the sun broke through the clouds April 12, Braudaway and more than 60 people set out for three-and six-mile walks through Joplin.

"It was a good day for walking," she said.

Braudaway's family was there for support — including Aunt Thelma, an 84-year-old woman who raised $200 by herself and finished the walk. Aunt Pauline, who is battling cancer, was there as well.

"It was incredible," she said. "It meant so much to know that they would be there."

All together, close to $10,000 was raised for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"I've learned that the little things mean a lot," she said.

While the disease has affected her physically and emotionally, Braudaway still has faith in God that he will take care of her and help her overcome the painful disease.

When she receives the opportunity, however, she plans to have a few words for the big guy.

"When I get there at those pearly gates and meet him, I will have a list of questions," she said.

Day after day, Braudaway receives blank looks. When she tells people she has MS, oftentimes people aren't informed or don't know how to respond.

Many ask her if she's angry.

"Obviously, I'm not thrilled, but it could be worse," she said.

Although she's affected by the disease every moment of her life, Braudaway still can find happiness knowing that she has a great family.

Having her family's love and support gives her the quality of life she wants and the life that she knows she deserves.

"It's a different day for every MS patient," she said. "But, I will still be here to see my kids graduate."

Biology department continues salvaging pond, nature trail

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

Students in the Biology Club are engaging in activities to restore a nature trail at Missouri Southern's Biology Pond.

The pond is located behind Matthews Hall at the west end of campus.

Kip Heth, assistant professor of biology, specializing in aquatic ecology, is one of three faculty sponsors of the Biology Club.

"General biology students go to the pond once a semester, the zoology class has a research project that generally involves the pond or Turkey Creek," Heth said.

Dr. Dorothy Bay, associate professor of biology, is also involved with the club's efforts to restore the pond.

"We are cleaning it up, removing trash, and also cutting out exotic species that are invading and killing our native plants we want growing there," Bay said.

Bay said honeysuckle is among the worst of the invaders.

Although a native to the area, honeysuckle will grow too much and take over.

The multi-flora rose, an Asian species, is another of Bay's concerns.

"They were brought in as a natural fence, but it got all over the woodlands and prairie pastures," Bay said.

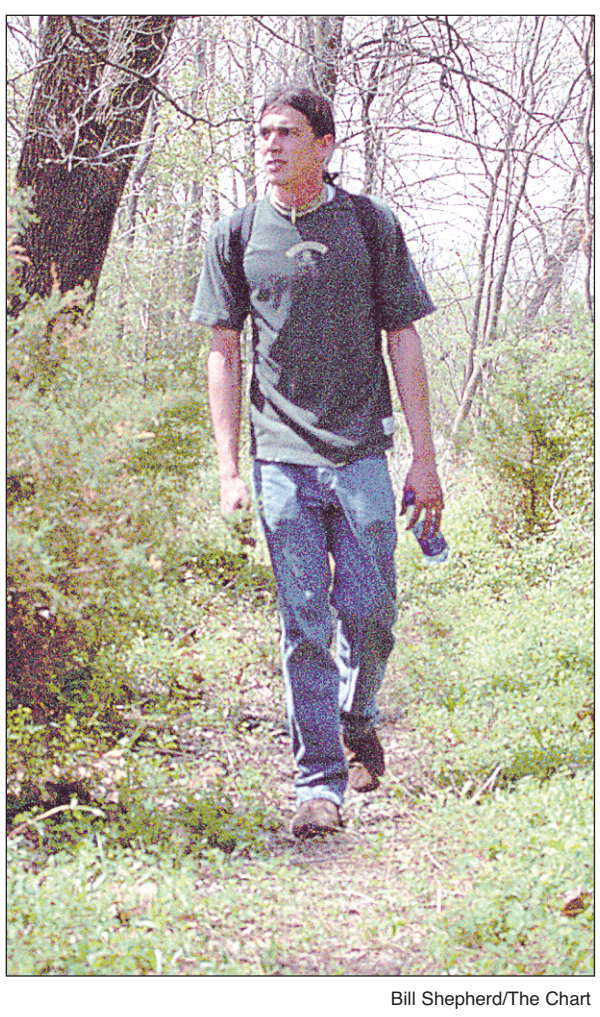
"If you let crop fields go fallow for a season, the multi-flora rose will take there as well, and the thorns are strong enough to puncture a tractor tire."

As active as she may be with the efforts of the Biology Club, Bay defers to one of her students for originating the project.

"Chris [Crabtree] came up with the idea of having students volunteer on campus instead of paying dues," Bay said.

Students are asked to put in time at one of several cleanup projects. Crabtree, senior biology major, is the president of the Biology Club.

"We tried to come up with things to do on campus," Crabtree said.



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Chris Crabtree, senior biology major, walks down the new trail near the Biology Pond.

Students are restoring more than the Biology Pond. The club has students cleaning up Turkey Creek and the College's prairie patch just east of the residence halls.

The Biology Club is also planning a trip to the zoo for the end of April. Dr. Scott Wells, head of the biology department, has also taken notice of the group's work.

"One half to two thirds of the trail have been mulched," Wells said.

The club receives mulch donated by the Joplin Recycling Center.

"Storms knock down trees, and the city picks up the trees to make mulch," Wells said.

Wells said earlier in the semester a group of students worked on the trail through cold weather, but still got much accomplished.

"I always try to accommodate groups like that," he said.

The Biology Club is not restricted to biology majors. Anyone with an interest can join.

Graduating seniors receive leadership, service awards

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Outstanding graduating student leaders on campus have been recognized for their efforts with the Glen Dolence Leadership /Service Award for the past 12 years.

Students nominated by faculty for their efforts in leadership and service were narrowed down by an awards committee to receive recognition April 17. Around 60 students were nominated and 23 received recognition certificates.

There is no set number of students that can be recognized. Only one student may receive the Outstanding Leader Award.

"It's just a way for the College to recognize the contributions these students have made," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

Carnahan said the awards are not based on scholarship alone, but also on work, service and leadership on campus.

"College is more than just grades," Carnahan said.

He said the students are usually busy individuals. One nominated student has three majors.

One student said she would vote for the other nominees before she would vote for herself.

"It's more the activities on campus. I had more fun with them than anything," said Monicca Shanthanelson, senior chemistry major.

"We owe a tremendous debt to these leaders," said Dr. Elaine Freeman, associate professor of teacher education.

She said the clips of each student's nomination form underscored their actual accomplishments.

Freeman is the faculty secretary to Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership society.

The organization, along with student services, works each year to produce the awards ceremony. She said the planning and organization of the ceremony are a month long process.

"It's just a way for the College to recognize the contributions these students have made."

Doug Carnahan
Dean of Students

"The program rests on the community taking time to make it work," Freeman said.

Freeman said the number of nominations is up over the last few years due to a higher awareness of the award among faculty members.

Carnahan began the ceremony followed by College President Julio León speaking to the students.

The award went to Jeremy Sturgell, senior biology, chemistry and philosophy major.

"His interests are varied and his leadership extensive," Carnahan said.

Freeman agrees with Carnahan.

"When Jeremy takes it on, it will be completed and completed with excellence," Freeman said.

The 23 seniors who were recognized at the ceremony were Stephanie Bullard, Mendy Burnett, Mysti Byrd, Lindsay Carnahan, Sarah Cunningham, Greg Dillard, Jeremy Goins, Brian Harter, Stacy Harter, Alicia Hughes, Charles Hunt, Jari Jacobs, Charity Keith, Crista Kuusisaari, Gabe Mankin, Melissa Obermann, Missy Ruckman, Monicca Shanthanelson, Janelle Starchman, Jeremy Sturgell, Jeremy Topp and Sarah Wohlwend.

Editor's Column

Role of government should be important

Virginia Fairchild
State News Editor

It seems these days every form of news media is not complete without some clip or article on the state's "budget crisis" and what the General Assembly is doing to fix it.

The news is filled to the brim with political figures from Jefferson City bad mouthing each other and contradicting themselves. So, why should I care what these legislators are doing?

I mean, I'm a regular college student and my world is absorbed with everything but politics; so, why should I make a point to keep up with the happenings of the distant Capitol?

Does state government really have the power to directly affect the lives of people in Joplin?

It sure does! After becoming state news editor this semester, I learned a vital lesson. Not only did I quickly realize the people in Jefferson City were not referred to as Congress (I know, it's sad), but I also got an insight to the weight these elected officials hold on almost everything in Missouri.

These legislators have the power to create the law in the whole state, and, being citizens of the state, each and every one of us would have to abide by those laws. If the public, especially college-age Missourians, don't take an active role as "watchdogs" over these people, they will have the ability to change our lives in a dramatic way, at their discretion.

Not only is the Assembly currently voting on the next fiscal year's budget and deciding what the governor should cut from our lives, they are creating several new laws that affect the regular "Joe" on the street.

I'm not saying people should drop everything and run straight to Jeff City, I just think people, especially those involved in the education system, need to take an active role in our government.

Besides voting, there are several things average, too-busy and too-tired, college students can do to let their local legislators know what's on their mind. The Joplin-area representatives are very accessible and friendly. Just give them a call.

If that doesn't sound appealing, next time you see something on the news or in the paper, take the time to comprehend it. Most of the time, you'll find you have an opinion on the topic, and guess what, it's your state and your government, so don't pass up the opportunity to say what you think.

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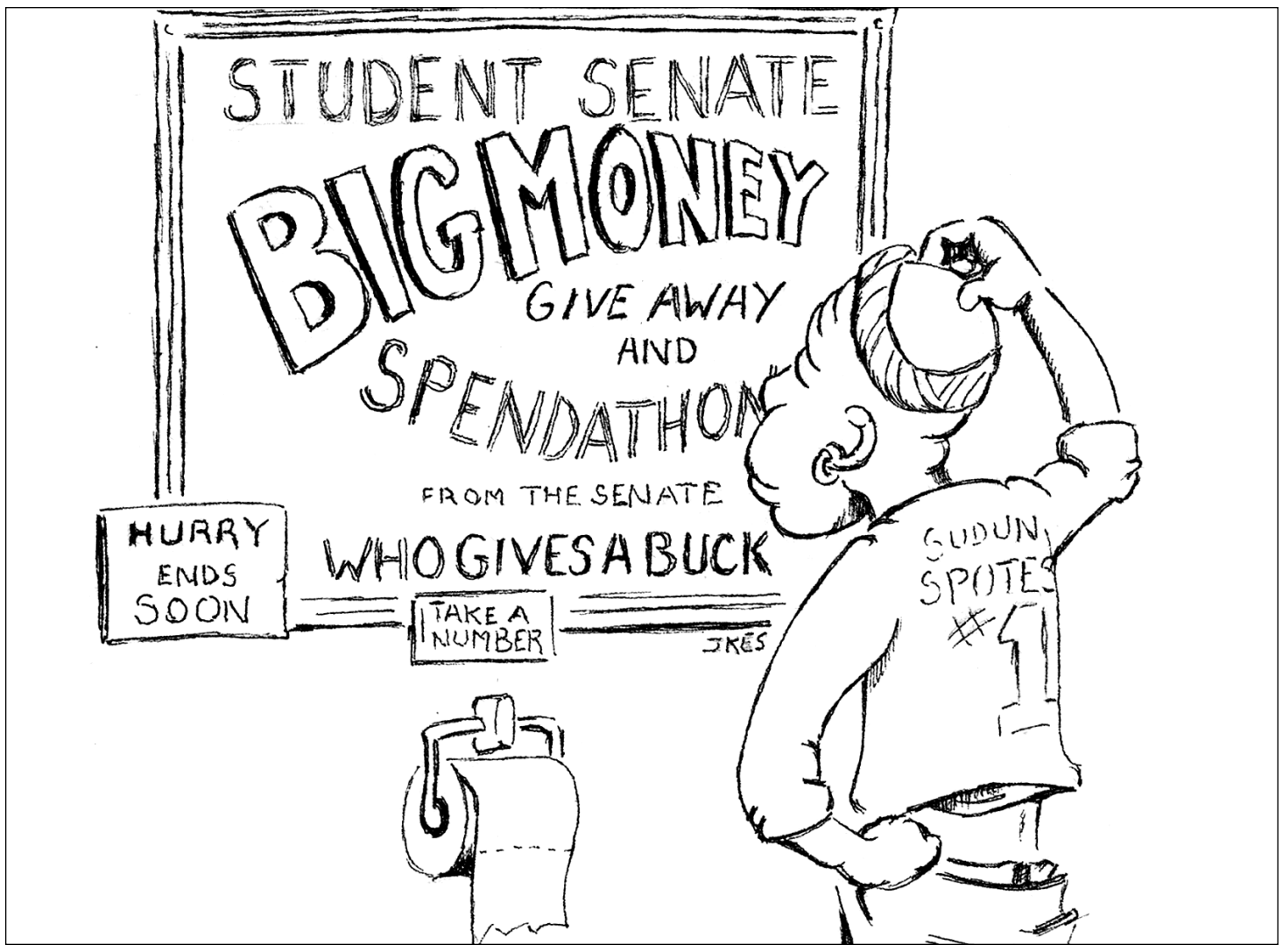

Senate needs clearer policies

Questions are beginning to arise about whether Student Senate actually serves its purpose.

Lack of organization and unclear policies have dominated the Senate's procedures all year.

In the fall semester, it seemed there was no definite policy on the correct procedure for receiving and what amount of money student groups should get when making requests.

The rules seemed to change each week.

This semester, the Senate is handing out money like candy.

Chart Opinion

This propaganda doesn't just exist during officer elections; senators seem to think it creates popularity during weekly procedures also.

In its last official meeting April 9, the Senate spent its excess funds by delegating money to eight organizations.

While these student groups are entitled to Senate money, one could wonder why the dishing out of dollars has become so much simpler as of late.

And with the current budget crisis, why couldn't at least some of this money go to help the College?

With the decent voter turnout and close presidential race in officer elections April 14 and 15 (162 students voted for president), Missouri Southern students are obviously looking for good representation and change.

Although the incumbent, Zack Odem, was re-elected, we hope better organization and planning will be implemented in fall 2003 and spring 2004.

Campus Voice

Does Student Senate serve the students?

"Yes, the Student Senate at MSSC has always done a good job. They make you aware of the events and happenings around campus."

Kandi Apling
Senior
Music Education
Major

"Yes, they do a good job, decided what is most important for students."

Todd Kolars
Senior
Pre-pharmacy
Major

"From the non-traditional point of view, I feel like I am not well-represented in Student Senate."

Kim Staples
Junior
Radiology
Major

"I believe that the Student Senate represents the students who actually get involved with the various issues on campus."

Latricia Bailey
Junior
Health Promotion
Major

"Yes, I think Student Senate assists student organizations and benefits all students."

Samantha Dennis
Junior
Elementary Education
Major

Letters

Country not founded on religious principles

In the Editor's Column last week, Kristen Smith wrote that "we live in a country whose foundations are based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ" and that "many of the men who formed our nation . . . believed that you could not call yourself an American if you did not believe the word of God." As a professor of history at this college, I invite Smith to take some history classes, where she might be surprised at what she discovers.

As I have explained on these pages before, few if any of the Founding Fathers can be classified as Christians, and Christianity was not a part of their design for the United States of America. Thomas Jefferson thought the apostles "unlettered and ignorant' and he explicitly denied the divinity of Christ. George Washington never once used the name Jesus in any of his voluminous writings. Tom Paine wrote that churches were human inventions set up to terrify and enslave mankind." So when it came to framing a government for the new nation, the Founders reflected on the religious wars that had rocked Europe, and were careful to establish a firmly secular government for the United States. That is why the Constitution says "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise there of." If anyone would like more evidence on this mailer, you can look at a collection of the Founder's religious writings that I have assembled at http://www.mssc.edu/socsci/cebula/voices/faiths.htm.

America is not and has never been a Christian nation. It is a nation that allows each of us to believe whatever we like. And that is exactly what the Founding Fathers intended.

Dr. Larry Cebula
Associate Professor of History

'Useless Information' full of opinions, half truths

Again in the April 4th edition you are using the "Useless Information" section for your opinion. Just three pages prior there is a letter complaining about that very issue.

Maybe you should save your opinion for the editorial section where it belongs, or change the title of your section to "Useless Opinions," or "Useless Half Truths."

You stated that the 10 million who protested did not get a say. That number is inflated, but still only accounts for a mere 3 percent of the entire American population. Maybe they got the amount of attention 3 percent deserves.

The 75 billion asked for by President Bush is being used to help Americans. So no American has to know the horrors of what would happen if a chemical attack were to happen on American soil. I have seen plenty of footage of Saddam's attacks on his own people, and footage in Navy training videos to have some idea of just how horrible an attack would be. Your third opinion on the 77,000 body bags should tell you that maybe this chemical threat is real. Do you think that many body bags would be ordered if the U.S. did not think Hussein had chemical or biological capabilities?

I spent a year of my life deployed to the Persian Gulf, where I worked in communications. We received several reports on what was going on inside Iraq under Hussein, things you will never hear on the news.

There is no doubt he has these weapons. Just today they found several sites that contained chemical weapons.

I am also guessing that you do not think Hussein supports terrorism. Hussein gave $25,000 to each family of the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorist groups who carried out a suicide bombing in Israel.

I have noticed a trend with The *Chart*. There seem to be more and more unread editions left in the bin in Webster Hall where *The Chart* is written. Today (Monday, April 7) there were 44 editions still sitting there from the April 4th paper (I actually sat there and counted). Last semester there were no papers left after its Friday release. Maybe you should fix your editorializing problem before it is too late, because next week there may be 45.

Greg Elam
Sophomore
Mass Communications major

Club readies for German Fair

BY CRAIG S. JONES
Staff Writer

At a recent club meeting that doubled as a work session, members of the German Club shared a lunch of breads and spreads while producing crafts to be sold at the club's upcoming German Fair.

Dr. Sabine Cramer, associate professor of German and adviser to the club, said the group plans to hold the fair Saturday, April 26.

Cramer said the group is waiting to receive approval to hold the fair on the grounds of Forest Park Baptist Church at Seventh Street and Range Line Road in Joplin.

Dr. Sabine Cramer
Associate Professor of Communications

Club members have been volunteering their time to help prepare for the fair. Cramer said a baking session held at her home lasted nearly five hours.

"I do appreciate students doing things not demanded of them by school," she said.

The group will be selling its baked goods at the fair in addition to the crafts available.

Cramer said the fair will also include a polka dance and a yodeling contest.

Jessica Puszewski, senior criminal justice major and German minor, said the club is raising money to finance its other activities.

"We go to different places like Stammisch where we speak only German," she said.

Stammisch is a social function made in part by the University of Arkansas. Puszewski said the event features varying skill levels to accommodate all levels of German language ability.

The club also has other trips to regional cities like Kansas City and Tulsa. Puszewski said the club has activities closer to home as well, such as an Earth Day fund-raiser and German movie night.

Cramer said the club has a paid membership of about 25 people, but more are attending meetings. The club meets every other Tuesday in Webster Hall, Room 357.

Freshman plans summer visit to Germany

BY MELISSA MORGAN
Staff Writer

Differences of opinion regarding foreign policy won't keep these students from the opportunity of studying another country's language and culture.

Four Missouri Southern German students will travel to Ansbach, Germany, this summer for an educational experience international style.

Elisabeth Humphreys, freshman undecided major, is preparing for the trip scheduled for May 19 through June 19.

She began studying German last semester. She had never studied another language in high school and chose German by default.

"I didn't want to take French or Spanish, and thought Russian and Chinese might be too hard, so I was left with German," Humphreys said.

Any student who had completed at least two semesters of German was eligible for the trip.

The students will be studying German while overseas. Humphreys thinks this immersion method into the culture will be greatly beneficial for her language skills.

"I hope to be able to speak it [German] a lot better when I get back," she said. "Even spending a little time in the country is supposed to make a big difference."

As an honors student, Humphreys must accumulate at least three credit hours while studying abroad. Many of Southern's programs fulfill this requirement, but Humphreys said she chose this one because of her language skills and increasing knowledge of the culture.

German and American culture are very different, Humphreys said.

"They usually have only one or two really close friends," she said. "The Germans have two forms for the word 'you,' formal and familiar. They don't use the formal 'you' with someone unless they have 'eaten a pound of salt together.' Then they have a formal ceremony where one person asks the other if it is all right to use the informal 'you' with the other person and then drink on it."

Humphreys finds these cultural differences exciting and interesting and hopes this international experience will help to broaden her mind and find a world outside of the United States.

"The way they operate is so different," Humphreys said. "I think this will help to break my American mindset that is so self-centered and help me open up to other ideas that aren't American."

Humphreys' mother, Pam, is not as excited about the cultural differences as her daughter and is concerned that misunderstandings may occur as a result.

"I don't want her to offend people because she doesn't know the customs, especially if their belief systems clash with hers," Pam said.

Pam was very concerned about Germany's stance on the war in Iraq and how a group of Americans would be treated there, but as the global-political temperature has cooled, so has her concern.

"I'm not nearly as uncomfortable with the thought of it as I was a month ago," Pam said.

Despite her mixed feelings, Pam said she was excited about her daughter fulfilling her dream by visiting a European country.

Humphreys does not have any reservations about traveling overseas during this time.

"We won't be landing in any weird place," she said. "I'm not afraid. Part of that is probably ignorance, but I'm OK with it."

She said the Germans aren't prejudiced against Americans, but they don't like the Bush administration right now because of their decision to proceed with war without the UN's consent.

"Germany is very opposed to war, because so many wars were fought on their soil," Humphreys said. "They know the terrors of war and are very loathe to enter into something so horrible."

Radical anti-American sentiment is uncommon, and the most prolific example of war protesting is restaurants boycotting American sodas and cigarettes, Humphreys said.

The trip won't be all work and no play. The students will be given the opportunity to do some sightseeing during their stay. Every weekend is available for individual students to travel throughout the countryside, and the fourth week is devoted entirely to group sightseeing in Germany and Austria.

"I want to see a lot of Germany," she said. "I love to travel but haven't really had the chance to until now. Maybe I'll go to Prague."

"It will be good for her because she is so interested and observant of people and their ways," Pam said. "She watches and appreciates them. In this case, adventure is secondary to all of the other people she will meet and what is important to them."

Field Day offers 'fun' experience with rewards

BY JESSICA RAGAN
Staff Writer

The 29th annual Foreign Language Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday.

The theme for this year is "Celebrating the World's Diversity."

Foreign Language Field Day brings nearly 40 different junior high and high schools from around the area to Missouri Southern in order to test their understanding of foreign languages. The languages tested are French, German and Spanish.

Dr. Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center and associate professor of communications, is responsible for planning the event.

"I have to make schedules, assign faculty, notify schools and anything else that needs to be done," Karmanova said.

"It's a lot of fun for the students because they get a reward in the noncompetitive events.

"We have fake Euro bills that the students earn, which they can exchange for various prizes."

The students have the opportunity to earn various prizes, including colored pencils, hackey sacks and sombreros.

Ruschelle Jones, junior Spanish and international studies major, is also involved in the event.

"A lot of Southern students help out," Jones said. "Everyone that has a foreign language performance award is required to help because it's grown too much."

In the past five years, the event has doubled in size.

"We used to have around 500 students attend, but it's grown to a little over 1,000," Karmanova said.

All high school and junior high students that attend will receive a "passport" that contains the day's program and schedule.

In addition to the students and 11 faculty members that help run the field day, there are numerous volunteers.

"The volunteers are usually natives that speak Belgian or French," Karmanova said. "One volunteer is actually a graduate from Missouri Southern and is a native from Austria."

Next year marks the 30th anniversary of Foreign Language Field Day.

"I'm still trying to plan this year's, but I'll have to start planning for next year's soon," Karmanova said.

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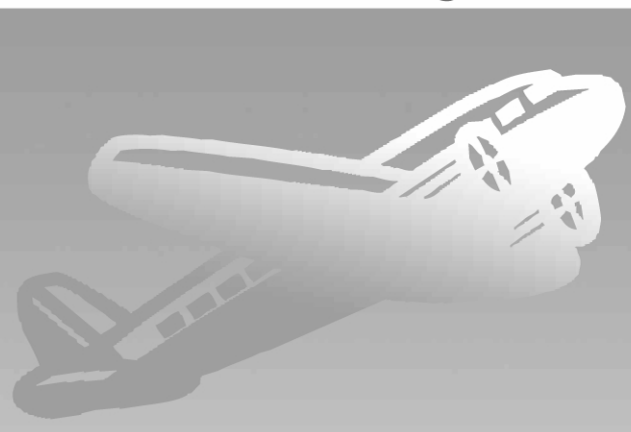

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Day of the Trombone

Brass instruments dominate concert

By Philip Martin
Sports Editor

With special guest soloist Paul McKee in attendance, the day of the trombone arrived.

The Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra kicked off its April 15 show with an introduction to the band written by Phillip C. Wise, music department head and director of jazz studies. Wise wrote the narration as a way to show students how each section is viewed within a jazz orchestra and how it relates musically.

"Oftentimes we have a lot of students from Music Appreciation classes and other classes in attendance who are studying music," Wise said. "We have community members who enjoy music and enjoy jazz but don't really understand the functions."

Wise said the piece was educational and gave some "tidbits and personal opinions about how sections and people are viewed in the band." The narration made some satiric remark about each section except for the trombones, mainly because Wise is a trombonist and he wrote the piece.

A Count Basie number followed the introduction titled "88 Basie Street," which featured Joel Thomas on piano. Next was a jazz standard arranged by guest soloist McKee. McKee said as an arranger, he finds it's better to play his own music rather than someone else's.

"Polka Dots and Moonbeams" brought out special guest Jeff Macomber from the music department to help out the trombones. "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" featured Joel Griffin on alto sax. The concert was the last jazz concert for Griffin at Southern.

"It's kind of bittersweet, I feel like I played well tonight but in the same sense saying goodbye to the comfort of playing in familiar surroundings," Griffin said.

Griffin's solo in "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" came straight from the heart.

"I kind of got to get up and sing my heart out," he said.

The last song before intermission, "Wave," was a song just for the trombone, which featured McKee. "Wave" is written for five trombones to back up a solo trombone.

"This year they had a very good array of different tone colors," said Lexa Kern, junior music major. "It incorporated all of it, the trumpets especially and the rhythm section and the trombones, which is my favorite."

After intermission, the orchestra played a Duke Ellington song that most people know the tune but not the name of it. Wise said it's good to bring something out of the archives that everyone knows. The song featured Robert Terry on bass and Joe Leiter on guitar. The gospel tune "Tall Cotton" started off with a church organ and ended with a church organ solo, but in between the organ the song featured McKee, the sax section and Matt Cameron on trumpet. The next song, "Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most" started off somber but switched into double time in the middle. The song featured Thomas and McKee with an extended cadenza which showed off his technical abilities.

To change things up Wise programmed the song, "You Say You Care," into the concert which featured the rhythm section with Terry on guitar.

"It just gave our rhythm section a chance to shine," Wise said. "Also a difference between the big band the rhythm section itself can be very musical as well."

For the final song Wise selected "Jimmy's Riff." "Jimmy's Riff" was written by Kerry Strayer who was a clinician for the district jazz festival in February. The tune was a blues/swing song that featured Thomas on piano, Griffin on alto sax, Jason Manley on trombone, Ben Peterson on trombone, John Gayman on trumpet, Matt Godsey on tenor sax, Sean Wilson on baritone sax and Micah Martin on drums.

"Micah played an extended solo, couple of solos one in the middle of that one and then an extended solo," Wise said. "Micah played a great solo in that concert, really got the crowd whipped up into a frenzy at the end of that and showed off a lot of technique and skill."

Wise said he is looking forward to the fall semester for the next Southern Jazz Orchestra concert.

(Left) Sean Wilson plays a solo during the Southern Jazz Orchestra's performance of "Jimmy's Riff" by Kerry Strayer.

(Below) The Southern Jazz Orchestra performs "I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart" by Duke Ellington for a full house in Webster Hall Auditorium April 15.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Speakers raise question of higher power in upcoming event

By Landon Fry
Staff Writer

The existence of a higher power is something man has questioned for thousands of years.

Monday, two of these men, with contrasting views, will argue the "big question" in front of an audience of students and community members using an arsenal of education and experience.

The debate over God will be at 7 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium and will be headed by Dr. Michael Shermer, representing the skeptics side, and Dr. Doug Geivett, a proponent of God's existence.

The education of both speakers was one factor the Campus Activity Board thought was important to look into before setting up the event.

"This is going to be a very high-end event, I mean these people have enormous reputations in their respective fields," said Jeremy Sturgell, senior and the CAB lectures chair.

Shermer is the founder of Skeptic Magazine, the Director of the Skeptics Society, writes a monthly column for Scientific American, co-hosts the Fox Family series "Exploring the Unknown" and has written numerous books.

He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University, a master's degree in experimental psychology from California State University, Fullerton, and a Ph.D. in the history of science from Claremont Graduate School.

Geivett is a professor of philosophy and department chair in the Talbot School of Theology at Biola University and specializes in epistemology, philosophy of religion and philosophical theology.

Geivett has published multiple books and is a member of the Committee on the Status and Future of Philosophy for the American Philosophical Association and a member of the executive committee of the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

"We were looking for an issue that we could bring in that was not necessarily controversial, but one that people had strong opinions about," Sturgell said. "We thought this sort of takes the cake. It's the big question."

The idea for the debate was brought up in CAB last year, but was delayed in favor of other events. Julie Blackford, director of student activities, believes this is the kind of topic that should be addressed on a college campus and Sturgell agrees.

"My philosophy when I've been in CAB is to bring events to campus that challenge what people think and make them talk and have dialog," Sturgell said. "That's the greatest feeling, when we do an event and afterward people are outside talking about the issues, what's going on. I think that's what college is all about."

The debate will consist of an opening argument from both speakers and a time for rebuttals. After the speakers finish the floor will be open for questions from the audience.

Being in the "Bible belt," Blackford thinks that Geivett will have more supporters than Shermer, but despite the higher numbers she says some local religious organizations were skeptical about the idea at first.

"I think just bringing in the speaker suggests that maybe a God doesn't exist may be a turnoff for them," she said. "Some, they get defensive; but once we explained that both sides will be represented so we're not pushing just one side it was OK."

Sturgell thinks both sides will be represented by students, but thinks the religious organizations will more be unified due to the number of related organizations on campus. He said some of the groups have expressed interest in setting up tables outside the debate and handing out literature.

"They're such a large presence on campus and they do such a good job when they're involved with events, that we really felt like it was nice to sort of organize something that might be of benefit and interest to them as well," he said.

Sturgell said believers of either side should gain something from attending the debate.

"You're going to be exposed to arguments both for and both against your position, and I think that's the most important thing to do in college," he said.

"It's to learn how to own your beliefs. I mean, if you can't defend your own beliefs, it's going to be very hard for you if someone challenges them. This is going to be a way for people to either reinforce what they already believe or kind of explore a question that they haven't really made a decision on yet."

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Southern's Jazz Orchestra performed to a packed house April 16. Read the story for information on the event.

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Don Greenlee, alumni, visits the senior art display in the Spiva Art Gallery.

Art gallery hosts works from senior students

BY MATT CAUFIELD
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern senior art students will display their art work for the general public to view April 13- May 9.

Senior art exhibits are held every year. The exhibits serve two purposes: they are used to grade the students and to give them an opportunity to display their work.

"This is an opportunity for the entire art faculty to evaluate the students. Each faculty member turns in an evaluation," said Val Christensen, associate professor of art.

Christensen said part of the grading criteria would be observing how the students interact with the public.

"We want to assure that they are representative of the program," he said.

Art education, graphic and studio students are displaying their work at the event.

"The exhibitions put on display a wide range of media, technique and subject matter," Christensen said.

"This is an accumulation of their four years at Southern."

Receptions are held on Sundays 2-5 p.m. "normally," Christensen said. Due to Easter Sunday, a reception will not be held. Instead, the reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. the following day. Weekdays the event will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jed Bennett, senior graphic arts major, who will display his work May 4-9, attended the April 13 reception.

"They had a good turnout," he said. "The students worked really hard and it showed."

Bennett estimated that 50 to 75 people attended the reception.

"It was a good crowd for that size of gallery," he said.

Bennet expressed mixed feelings about showing his work.

"It is neat to show your work," he said. "At the same time you're worried if your stuff is good enough."

Family and friends comprise the majority of individuals present at the receptions Christensen said.

"If students have had an internship, they will often invite representatives of area companies to look at their work," Christensen said.

"This is another opportunity for them to put their work in front of the community and prospective employers," he said.

Chad Stangl, senior studio art major, had his reception at the Joe Harding Building in downtown Joplin April 12.

Stangl could not show his work at the Spiva gallery because of the nature of his work, Christensen said.

"Chad is a sculptor and he works very large," he said.

"His work is best viewed in isolated conditions without other things around," Christensen said.

Stangl said his reception "went rather well."

"Quite a few people showed up; the band Gizmo played an acoustic set," he said.

Stangl estimated 75 people attended his reception.

"Everybody I talked to seemed to enjoy it," he said.

Joplin gets crazy, attempts stunts to win Sea-Doo

BY JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

A competition at a Joplin club brings out the crazy people of the town.

For the second year in a row, Club Miami is hosting the "What would you do for a Sea-Doo?" contest. The contest, which runs for a total of eight weeks, is based upon the the television show "Fear Factor."

It is held every Friday night. Three competitions has already happened. Each week the contest have five to seven contestants. The contestants sign up at the door, and then go up on stage and "do something fearless."

Kirk Keller runs advertising and promotions for Club Miami. He said there are basically two rules for the event.

Rule 1: Whatever a person eats, they have to hold down for at least two minutes.

Rule 2: No nudity or lewdness.

"Other than that, there's really no rules," Keller said.

The Sea-Doo is a $9,800 RX Bombardier which was donated by Joplin Honda. Budweiser is also a sponsor. While last year and this year the watercraft is the prize, Keller said it might not be that way next year.

The original idea for the competition came about when "Fear Factor" debuted on television.

"That seemed to be the table talk," Keller said.

Keller said people at Club Miami thought Joplin residents could do the same things as the contestants on the show.

"People in Joplin can be on the crazy side, so let's show them how crazy," he said.

After the contest started at the club, it made nationwide news. It was even talked about on Jay Leno's talk show.

"Because of that, 'Fear Factor' contacted us and wanted to know if they could tie in some stuff with us," Keller said.

Rick Taylor, morning host on KSYN 92.5, acts as a co-promoter of the contest. He talks about it on the air.

He said the turnout for the weekly competition is good. People are drawn by their curiosity.

"What kind of silly stunts or antics do they do on stage?" Taylor said.

He said every Friday night the station holds a live broadcast from 8-10 p.m., and then the club begins preparing for the competition. The contest starts at 10:30 p.m.

Past participants have done everything from drinking fish guts, eating crickets or hissing cockroaches, and driving nails through their hands on a board. One guy even suspended himself with fish hooks in his back.

"They're crazy," Keller said. "It's fun to watch; it really is."

Keller said while the club had a run-in with the police at last year's competition which resulted in a 10-day shutdown of the club, he has never heard of anyone having health problems after his or her attempt to win.

"We've never had anybody call and complain," he said.

Judges for the competition are picked out of the audience. In case of a tie, Club Miami uses a sound meter of the audience reactions. The club is only open to people 21 and up.

A winner is chosen each week and awarded $200.

The final competition will be held May 23.

Group one-sided in promoting God debate

BY JEFF REID
Executive Editor

With the semester drawing to a close, the Campus Activities Board prepares to spend $8,000 of next year's budget.

Jonathan BeVille, junior mass communications major, made a proposal to bring Helen Thomas, former White House bureau chief for 57 years, to Missouri Southern.

"She's a very outspoken woman, and she's very feisty," BeVille said.

The current proposal is set to bring Thomas to campus on Sept. 8 of 2003.

While no decision was set in stone, the general consensus of the eight board members present was that it seemed to be a worthwhile idea.

In upcoming events, "The Existence of God" debate is set for 7 p.m. Monday, in Taylor Auditorium. The event, which cost CAB $7,500, is free to everyone.

Representatives from CAB have been calling local churches in hopes of gaining a larger turnout. However, the promoting has been somewhat one-sided.

"We should try to contact people from the other side," Blackford said, referring to people with non-Christian beliefs.

CAB Campus Activities Board

CAB is also working with the Sustainability class to co-sponsor its Earth Day project. Even though Earth Day is Tuesday, the event is set to take place on Thursday.

Jenkins Dirt is scheduled to perform, and numerous radio and television stations are going to be on hand to help promote the event. The class asked the board for $800 and received $500.

Dutch Kelly, a representative from the Sustainability class, was pleased with the way things are going.

"It's all going very well; we're very happy about it," she said.

The Board also announced it is taking applications for executive positions, including president, vice president, secretary, and numerous activities chairs.

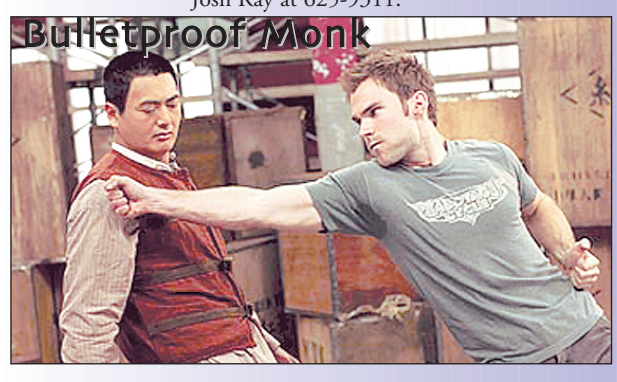
Students who are interested can stop by Billingsly Student Center, Room 102, and pick up an application.

The applications are due back by Wednesday, and interviews for the positions will be 1 to 4 p.m. April 30.

The next CAB meeting is set for 2 p.m. Monday, in the second floor lounge of Billingsly Student Center. The meeting is open to all students.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.



18 *Bulletproof Monk, Chasing Papi, Holes, and Malibu's Most Wanted* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

A joint faculty recital featuring Dr. Jeff Macomber and Dr. Cynthia Hukill will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Lady Lions softball will play @ 2:30 p.m. at Northwest Missouri State University.

Lions baseball will play @ 4 p.m. at Washburn.

Lady Lions tennis will play in the MIAA Tournament. The tournament runs through April 19.

Men's and women's track will continue to compete in the University of Kansas Relays. the relays run through April 19.

19 Lions baseball will play @ noon at Washburn.

Lady Lions softball will play @ noon at Missouri Western State College.

Lions and Lady Lions track will be competing in the University of Arkansas invitational.

21 The "Existence of God" debate will be held @ 7 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

CAB meets @ 2 p.m. on the second floor of Billingsly.

ODK meets @ 4:30 p.m. in Billingsly, Room 313.

Lions golf will begin playing in the Washburn Invitational. The invitational runs through April 22.

Greek Week begins. It will run through April 25.

A senior clarinet recital featuring Connie Keeler will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

22 LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly, Room 313.

Lady Lions softball will play @ 5 p.m. at home vs. Pittsburg State University.

23 Student Senate will meet @ 5 p.m. in Billingsly, Room 310.

Lions baseball will be playing @ 7 p.m. at Oral Roberts.

24 Catholic Campus Ministries will meet @ noon in Billingsly, Room 311.

LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly, Room 306.

FCA will meet @ 7 p.m. in the #2 lounge of Billingsly.

Earth Day Activities will be held in the Oval.

Lady Lions softball will play @ 3 p.m. at home vs. Emporia State University.

A concert band concert will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Weekend Happenings:

The Green Room:: ***Friday:*** Pushfactor 10 p.m.

Saturday: One Track Mind Upside 10 p.m.

Useless Information

NOTE: Information for this section taken from http://www.amusingfacts.com/
All opinions in parenthesis are the opinions of Josh Ray, Diversions Editor. They don't reflect the opinions of *The Chart* staff.

27 percent of U.S. male college students believe life is a meaningless existential hell. (wow, I'm a statistic)

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Southern Exposure holds auditions

Auditions for Missouri Southern's show choir, Southern Exposure, will take place from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday in the upper balcony lobby of Taylor Auditorium.

During the first half hour, those trying out will learn perform dance moves. In the second half, they will learn and perform songs with a group.

Auditions are open to any student who has an interest in music and dancing.

Those interested may contact choral director Bud Clark at 625-9562.

College announces new library director

The College recently appointed Wendy McGrane to the position of Spiva Library director.

Her position will take effect July 1. McGrane has been serving as interim director this year.

Social Sciences hosts WWII veteran

The social science department at Missouri Southern will host Col. Kenneth Wofford, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), a World War II veteran and member of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Wofford will speak at 7 p.m., Thursday in Webster Hall Auditorium.

EARTH DAY:

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"I think we need to recognize our place in the world and that we need to take care of our proper priorities," she said.

In addition to the tree planting, the Sustainability class has been planning activities to take place on the oval for Thursday. Although Earth Day actually occurs Tuesday, the class set the date for April 24 because it meets on Thursdays.

The class is team-taught by Knapp; Dr. Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science; and Dr. Nii Abrahams, assistant professor of economics.

The Sustainability students first organized Earth Day activities last year as one large group.

This year, the class divided into five committees: financial, vendors, entertainment and speakers, publicity and administrative.

The committees have organized several activities for the day, including speakers, demonstrations and acoustic music. The Honda Hybrid car, donated by Roper Honda, will be on display.

Representatives from many organizations such as the Green Party, Joplin Bike and Fitness, Battery Outfitters, Joplin Recycling, Neosho Recycling, Harmon, Fox Farm Foods, Prairie State Park, the Audobon Society and NORMAL will be in attendance.

Knapp, along with Katie Pierson, sophomore biology major and Sustainability student, said creating awareness is the goal of the day.

"There's not enough awareness of the different things we're going to be presenting," Pierson said.

"There's not a real awareness on campus or anywhere else for that matter."

Knapp hopes the activities his class has planned will help make students aware of what they can do to help make the country more energy efficient in the long-run.

"We just want to get more awareness of how local problems really can be global problems," he said.

"It's one person doing a little something different that adds up to a big difference. We want to try to get that message out."

Marlowe said "the enthusiasm for life itself is our key" for Thursday.

Activities last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last event, the tree planting, begins at 1:30 p.m.

MARTIN:

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made to the advancement of our college," College President Julio León said in a campus-wide e-mail April 17.

Martin came to work for Southern in 1965 as a math instructor and moved up the administration line as head of mathematics, dean of arts and sciences to where he is now.

His original plan was to continue working until he had 40 years with Southern. Last summer, however, he and his family discussed all the advantages and disadvantages.

He knew it was time.

"I'm looking forward to relaxing," he said.

Martin was awarded the first Outstanding Teacher Award in 1980. León said in the e-mail that Dr. Betsy Griffin, assistant vice president for academic affairs, has agreed to serve as interim vice president until the position is filled.

After 38 years of work and dedication with one institution, Martin knows it's been worth it.

"You can have an impact on my career by going to other places," he said. "But I can have more of an impact on other people by staying in one place."

CENTER:

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"As long as they know what their money is going to, as a benefit," he said.

He also mentioned right now, interest rates are down, so it would be a good time to build, meaning there would be less of a financial burden for students.

"I have no objection to paying an extra fee per semester," said Dwight Drake, junior, marketing major. "We need a separate place for campus recreation."

Right now, administration is asking for information for bids from different architect companies to be able to start a feasibility study. The administration wants to compare the cost and be able to know if adding on to Billingsly will still enable it to have everything they originally wanted for the stand-alone building.

It is also going to have to come up with a different layout of how it will be constructed.

The goal is to start this feasibility study within the next month. The date and layout of construction of the new recreation center depends on the results from the feasibility study.

But whenever construction does start, it is expected to take 18 months to two years to complete.

"We don't want students to think we are building another gym or weight room," Fullerton said.

He said administration wants people to know they are not just building this for today, but for the next 20 years, or so, until they need to build and renovate again.

Whatever the final plans may be, administration wants to be able to use this new building to appeal to future Southern students, as a type of recruitment retention, to wow them with the services Southern has available for students.

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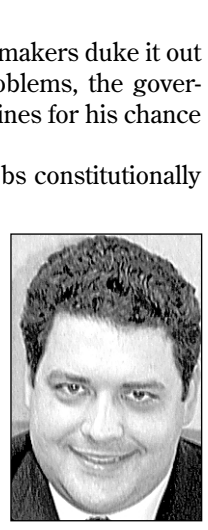
Legislators debate budget issues

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

While Missouri lawmakers duke it out with state budget problems, the governor waits on the sidelines for his chance in the ring.

One of the many jobs constitutionally required for the House and the Senate is to produce a budget for the governor to base the balanced budget he or she is to release each fiscal year. This session was in some ways different to prior years because of the magnitude of the budget.



Bryan Stevenson
State Representative

The House took a different approach to solving this "budget crisis" by allotting each state department a certain amount of funding. The department heads will then be given the opportunity to make certain cuts to the programs they decide aren't as important. The idea behind this is that the department heads would have a better idea than lawmakers in Jefferson City of what should be given a higher priority.

Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Joplin) said the House significantly reduced the amount of money that will be given to some of the state's departments but not all. The House allocated a 3 percent cut for education in the next fiscal.

"In order to give the departments maximum flexibility we made a very risky decision," he said.

"We gave them complete power and entrusted them to do the right thing with the money."

Stevenson said he does not believe this was an irresponsible thing for the House to do.

He said they were forced to produce a "lump sum" budget this year due to the lack of money.

Rep. Rachel Bringer (D-Palmyra) said she disagrees with the way the House Republicans handled the budget.

"It's our constitutional duty to serve the people who elected us," she said. "A lump budget is not doing the job."

Bringer said what the House did was send a "blank budget" to the Senate.

"You can't do a line by line budget if the money isn't there," Stevenson said.

He said at the end of the process, several democrats voted in favor of the new budget style, and some were "furious" with the way it turned out. Stevenson said the cause of the frustration is the lack of control the Representatives will have on the amount of money for special interests that go to their districts.

Bringer said that "every single Democrat" was against the lump sum budget.

Currently, the senators are working on a line item budget.

Sen. John Russell (R-Lebanon), chair of the Senate appropriations committee, said the House's lump sum budget didn't directly add more work for the senators.

"I suppose if they had done it line by line we'd at least have something to compare it to," Russell said.

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) said the Senate's main problem does not lie in the House's decision, but in the enormity of the budget itself.

"Essentially, the problem is funds you really can cut are all in education, social service and mental health and corrections. That's where the controllable (general revenue) money is," Nodler said.

He said nobody has any desires to make cuts in those areas.

"Even if you get rid of all the waste and fat, you're still $400 or $500 million short," Nodler said.

He said he believes the responsible thing for the Senate to do is to pass a two-tier budget. One tier would base the budget on services available with existing revenue. The second tier would identify what items are necessary and the money that's needed to attain them and create a revenue package. This would have to be sent to the voters

The legislature constitutionally can only vote on a $75 million tax increase and the budget hole is $750 million, Stevenson said. So, any kind of legitimate increase would have to go to the polls.

"My guess is the Senate is going to send us a tax increase and my guess is the House won't pass it," Stevenson said.

"We don't have the ability to pass tax increases to fix the problem; it would have to go to the ballot.

"The issue wouldn't even make it to the ballot until November, and we can't balance a budget on tax increases that more than likely won't pass."

He said he is confident the voters won't approve any increase since they voted down three increases in the latest election.

"The voters have told us they don't want a tax increase," Stevenson said, "and if they do, then they need to tell us they want one."

Since the Senate budget will be different from the House's it will go to the conference committee, where a compromise will be made.

Some believe this will throw the Assembly into special session. No matter what, Gov. Bob Holden still has to sign a balanced budget by July 1.

Lawmakers, public shift focus to war

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Public pressure slacks due to the increase in war attention, allowing some legislators to breathe a sigh of relief.

"Like everybody else in the world, the big story is the war and some of our attention is diverted to the news," said Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin).

He said to some extent the war has helped turn the public's attention away from the budget problems at hand and has thus relieved some pressure.

"The public attention is a bit less focused on these budget problems, which seem smaller, in comparison, to the war," Nodler said. "The pressure's a little less on us."

He said the decrease in attention at the Capitol has helped the legislators focus more easily on the task at hand.

"In a time of peace, I'm sure the focus on these huge budget cuts would have been much greater," Nodler said. "It's probably made this process a bit easier."

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin) said the House is still focused on the same things it was prior to the war.

"I haven't taken any time away from the legislature to participate in anything related to the war," Nodler said.

Support for the war has not been a partisan decision in the Senate, he said. The Senate passed a resolution to support President George W. Bush and the soldiers 30 to 2. The two who voted against the resolution were Democrats.

"That also means 11 of the 13 Democrats voted with the Republicans and that's a pretty heavy show of support from the other party," Nodler said. "I don't detect any political division of any significance on support for the war here."

"We're all pretty much cemented in the fact we all support our service people," Ruestman said. "We have people on both sides of the aisle who have relatives in Iraq and I believe we've all been very supportive across both aisles."

Senator brings national experience

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Virginia Fairchild/The Chart

Gary Nodler was elected to the State Senate in November 2002.

Although he technically is a freshman senator, Gary Nodler has been a player in the political game for decades.

Nodler (R-Joplin) said he has always had an interest in politics. While some young adults may get wrapped up in music and television, Nodler was taken aback by his era's monumental political events.

"The whole Kennedy experience, the assassination and the Cuban Missile Crisis, all of those things caught my attention when I was a kid," he said. "The 1950 presidential campaign between Nixon and Kennedy, I was for Nixon, was such an event. Of all the presidential campaigns of the 20th century it may have been one of the most exiting ones. It was just engaging."

Nodler, a native of Southwest Missouri, grew up and attained his primary and secondary education in Neosho. He went on to attend Crowder College and the University of Missouri, but ended up at Missouri Southern, where he graduated in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

He got his first real taste of politics in 1972, when he participated in the late Congressman Gene Taylor's first congressional campaign. Nodler never lost his political cravings, despite the fact he was drafted into the military nine days after he graduated from Southern. He was the last person in history to be drafted from Newton County.

After the Vietnam War ended, Nodler took an opportunity to serve his remaining time in the National Guard and headed back to work for Taylor as his district staff director. Nodler went on to run Taylor's Joplin office for 16 years.

"My job evolved over those years," he said.

The last few years Taylor was in office, Nodler was his principal staff person in the district. He worked directly with Taylor's top staff assistants in Washington. While in this position, Nodler did constituent work, traveled with Taylor and completed legislative research.

In 1988, following Taylor's retirement, Nodler ran for his vacant position. He lost to Mel Hancock.

Despite the loss in 1988, Nodler bounced right back after President George Bush appointed him as regional administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration. Nodler continued this position for the duration of Bush's term.

In 1991, Nodler was given a cabinet level assignment at the White House, where he represented SBA on the Economic Policy Counsel. He also served as the president's adviser to the Council on Rural America.

"It was pretty fascinating to work at that level," Nodler said.

After he left government service in 1993, he ran his own consulting business in Joplin.

Nodler retired in 2000.

He returned to the political arena after he was approached by a group of people wanting him to run for the Missouri Senate.

Nodler decided to go for it after much arm-twisting.

"And the rest, as they say, is history," he said.

Although being a state senator wasn't his first choice, Nodler said he enjoys his new position.

Nodler said, "It's an opportunity to be involved in politics and hopefully contribute something."

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Former consultant sues UM professor

A former consultant for the University of Missouri Research Reactor has sued an associate professor at the University of Missouri, claiming he defamed her in an opinion article published March 9 in the *Columbia Daily Tribune*

In the lawsuit filed in Boone County Circuit Court, Tamara Crockett alleged that Eddie Adelstein, an associate professor of pathology, wrote false and defamatory statements.

The lawsuit asks for punitive damages, actual damages of more than $25,000 and attorneys fees.

In the column, Adelstein wrote that two former scientists at the reactor had said former director Ed Deutsch paid $250,000 of university money to consultant Tamara Crockett to set up corporations in which he and his wife had significant financial interests.

MO driver's licenses receive new design

Driver's licenses in Missouri are getting a new look for the first time in six years.

The new design is expected to be released in upcoming weeks, with the main change being a small ghost portrait next to the main photo.

This extra photo is one of several security measures intended to prevent identity fraud and help in enforcing the illegal use of fake IDs.

Among other things being added to the license is an outline of the state and the words Show Me across the front of the license, which will be visible only under ultraviolet light.

The new licenses will first be issued in Jefferson City Tuesday and in other offices across the state by the end of September. This will not affect the cost of the drivers license.

New bill establishes fund for education

A new bill proposed to the House of Representatives, if passed, would redirect 20 percent of the money from Missouri's gaming proceeds into the Classroom Trust Fund.

The new fund will distribute money on a per-pupil basis, keyed to attendance and may be used for a wide variety of school needs.

The new redirection would begin in 2005 and continue to increase by 20 percent each year following until 100 percent of gaming proceeds go into the fund.

Currently these funds are deposited in the State School Moneys Fund which provides for the Foundation Formula Program that distributes state school aid.

The money that is redirected from the State School Moneys Fund, under this bill, would be replaced by general revenue.

The bill has been referred to the House Education Com-mittee.

If passed, the bill will await placement on the calendar.

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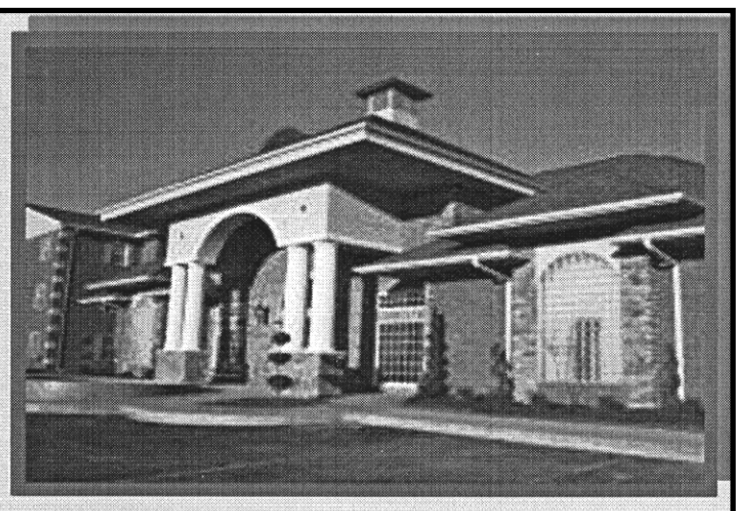

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Each helmet contains bicycle safety information, candy and a surprise toy.

The baskets will sell for $12 and proceeds will benefit SAFE KIDS.

The baskets are available through the Children's Miracle Network, the Joplin Police Department, the Joplin City Health Department, Southwest Missouri Community Alliance and Caring Communities.

For information, contact Jerri Sargent at 347-6639.

MoDOT begins work on I-44 east of city

The Missouri Department of Transportation began work April 14 on an 8.3 mile stretch of Interstate 44.

The work zone starts just east of the U.S. Highway 71 junction and ends three miles east of the Fidelity exit.

MoDOT expects the project to be completed in November. It will resurface the road and rebuild 12 bridges. MoDOT said the project will cost $11.7 million.

Lafayette encourages assault awareness

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The House held a balloon release and clothesline project display on April 17 in efforts to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault in the community.

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Come 'n' Get It

Buffets give 'speediness' for patrons

BY T.J. GERLACH
City Editor

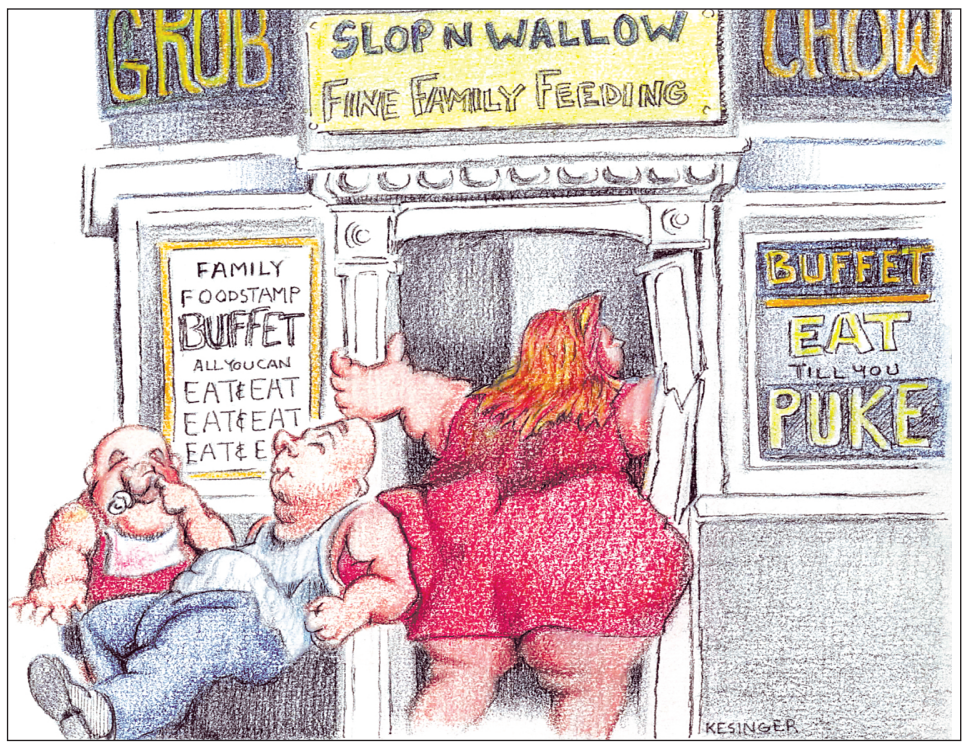

Illustration by Jim Kesinger/The Chart

When looking for a place to eat, many Joplin residents may be tempted to dine at one of the area's numerous buffets.

Several area restaurants offer either lunch or dinner buffets — some offer both.

While many places also offer menu items, the buffets bring in more customers and more money.

Rick Seeley, restaurant manager at Shoney's Restaurant, 2127 S. Range Line Road, believes most people in Joplin prefer buffet-style dining.

"It's all you can eat," he said. "You get more food for your money."

Shoney's also serves menu items, but Seeley said the buffet "definitely" does better.

The major lunch item at CiCi's Pizza, 1840 S. Range Line Road, is its buffet. Scott West, CiCi's manager, believes people choose buffets because of the speediness.

"It's a lot more effective on time," he said. "Plus, people get a wide variety of items for a low cost."

He also said the speediness benefits the restaurant as well.

Buffet-style dining allows people to "eat it [their meal] quick and get out quick instead of waiting for it to be cooked," Seeley said.

Seeley believes so many Joplin restaurants offer buffets because of the value to customers. People can eat more in less time for a set price. This is a benefit to the customer.

Billy Chockie, general manager of the Golden Corral in Joplin, said going to an all-buffet style saved the company he used to work for.

"It seems like the trend is going to buffet style," he said. "People like to pick and choose."

Chockie believes buffets draw customers because of the variety they offer.

"It gives [people] more freedom," he said. "People can fill their plates and come back for more."

The speed of a buffet is also a benefit to customers, Chockie believes.

He said people like to come, eat and leave.

Golden Corral strives for perfection on "line speed," or people per hour, he said.

"We don't want them to stand in line," Chockie said. "We give them friendly service, [but] they like to get on with the show."

All types of people dine at these area buffets.

Chockie said he sees customers wearing everything from shirts and ties to overalls.

"We're not considered fine-dining at all," he said. "We're casual."

Some people may wonder about the health concerns with buffets.

Shoney's watches its items and has times set for when each item needs to be replaced.

The Golden Corral trains all employees to watch for anything that could potentially be a problem. Chockie said he and the other managers watch out to make sure no one is doing what he or she is not supposed to be doing.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Golden Corral grill cook Chris Denman, Joplin, minds the steak area of the bar. Last year, all Golden Corrals went to all buffet before the Joplin store opened.

"People don't like a bunch of people hovering over their food," he said.

He added if something happens, it is dealt with, and the food is thrown out and replaced.

Chockie said the Golden Corral is in good standing with the health department and the restaurant is "glad to be in the community."

Dining choices in Joplin may seem limited at times, but Seeley said, "Joplin has too many restaurants, period."

Larger menu offers guests new variety

BY CRAIG S. JONES
Staff Writer

After a lengthy absence, one of Joplin's largest restaurants is about to show a new face.

Phil Vail, general manager of Ryan's Family Steakhouse said the remodel that began six weeks ago is nearly over. He said the restaurant will reopen Wednesday April 23.

Vail said both the interior and exterior concepts of the restaurant are being updated, including tables, chairs, carpets and wallpaper.

He said the biggest change is the introduction of the "display cooking" concept.

Vail said customers will be able to order a variety of foods that will be cooked in an open kitchen near the front of the store.

"Before, we'd cook items in advance and set them out (on the buffet)," he said.

Vail said the choice of foods available from the new display cooking kitchen includes pizza, Chinese food, and steaks, all made to order.

"We still have two bars of hot food, including Fried chicken sliced, roast beef, all kinds of things," he said.

Vail said guests at Ryan's also have a cold salad and fruit bar and bakery bar to choose from.

Vail said that customers used to wait in a line to carry their own drinks and plates to their table. He said guests will now be greeted and waited on immediately, without having to carry anything to the table.

Vail said the restaurant used to offer steak carving on weekends, including Friday, but it will now be offered every day

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Women focusing on MIAA nationals

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

Already halfway through the outdoor season, the Lady Lions track and field team is making improvements as well as feeling the effects of a year-round sport.

The team, especially the younger women, is starting to feel some aches and pains of a long semester of competition.

At Arkansas, many Lady Lions had some top performances, but because of the toughness of competition, they were not able to always finish in the top three.

Danee Jones finished in the top eight of all three throwing events, two of which, the discus and hammer, she finished fifth. Shonna Sherrell finished fourth in the javelin throw with a toss of 112-7.

"Her javelin technique is really coming around; she's got a little ways to go with it," said head coach Patty Vavra.

Jen Noelken finished first in the unseated 1,500-meter run with a personal record time of 4:49.

Charmain Kent finished ninth in the triple jump with a leap of 36-11.

Melissa Turner also had her best vault of the year, aside from Coffeyville, which didn't count toward nationals, with a height of 11-2. A provisional mark of 11-3 is needed.

"We really had some nice improvements throughout the group," Vavra said.

"We didn't place real high, but we've seen some nice improvements."

Twelve athletes are taking the trip to Lawrence, Kans. These include: Garrett in the invitational 400- and 100-meter hurdles; Tausha Cook in the 400 and 100-meter hurdles; Jones in the hammer, discuss and shot put; Sherrell in the discuss; Sarah Muller and Melissa Horn in the high jump; Kent in the triple jump; Turner in the pole vault; Megan Russell in the 5,000-meter run; Patterson in the 10,000-meter run, which will be her first time this year; Noelken in the steeplechase; and Adams in the invitational 800-meter run.

"I have to get everything to work together," Jones said. "I'm trying to work on it and visualize stuff, so that I can get into the ring and do what I need to do to make it to nationals," Jones said.

The Lady Lions will not be the only team from the MIAA in attendance.

Most of the other MIAA schools will send their elite squads as well.

Lions lose chance to upset Mules

BY KEITH ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

Two Nathan Hughes pitches into game one of a doubleheader against Central Missouri State University on April 16, the rain forced an end to Missouri Southern's with the top team in the MIAA.

Depending on Central's makeup schedule, the doubleheader will be made up on April 17 or 21. No matter when the games are rescheduled, the games will definitely be played, according to Lions' head coach Warren Turner.

"If we are going to go anywhere, the road leads through CMSU," Turner said. "We're going to make these games up even if we have to travel to Warrensburg again."

The Lions dropped a pair of games earlier in the season to Central by the score of 5-4 and 6-3. The team proved then that it can compete with the conference's top team and the nation's sixth ranked team. The Lions are also looking forward to playing them again to further test themselves.

"Every year it seems like Central is the main obstacle for us in the conference and this year it is the same thing along with Northwest Missouri State," said senior pitcher Nick Davis.

On April 12-13 the Lions hosted Missouri Western for three games over the weekend.

In game one, the Lions picked up a 10-7 win. Davis started and picked up his sixth win after only giving up two earned runs and striking out six in six innings.

Junior Ross Bailey, sophomore Evan Bates and junior Jake Lawver each pitched an inning in relief of Davis. The trio gave up five earned runs in the three innings but were able to keep the Griffons at bay.

Southern was led offensively by juniors Mark Catanzaro and Zack Bronson, who both went three for five, and Mark Keister, who went two for four with five RBIs.

Hughes also added two hits for the Lions.

Game two of the doubleheader was a 12-inning, 10-9 win for the Lions.

With the score tied in the bottom of the 12th, Keister got a one-out single and moved to second when freshman Nathan Copher was hit by a pitch. Keister then came home with the winning run when freshman Jeff Taylor reached on an error by Western's third baseman Lee Ring.

Senior Nick Johnson started the game for the Lions and gave up seven runs (five earned) on nine hits over seven innings.

Sophomore Josh Tupper then gave up two runs over three innings in relief of Johnson.

Lawver, who got the save in game one, pitched two scoreless innings to finish the game and pick up his first win of the season.

Keister and Catanzaro again led the offense for the Lions. Keister picked up four more hits and four more RBIs, and Catanzaro went two for five with three runs scored. Bronson and Hughes both added two hits and two RBIs in game two.

"We got two good wins on Saturday," Turner said.

"They were both good games against a good team, and we were glad to get them."

Game three of the weekend series on April 13 was not quite as good a game as the first two.

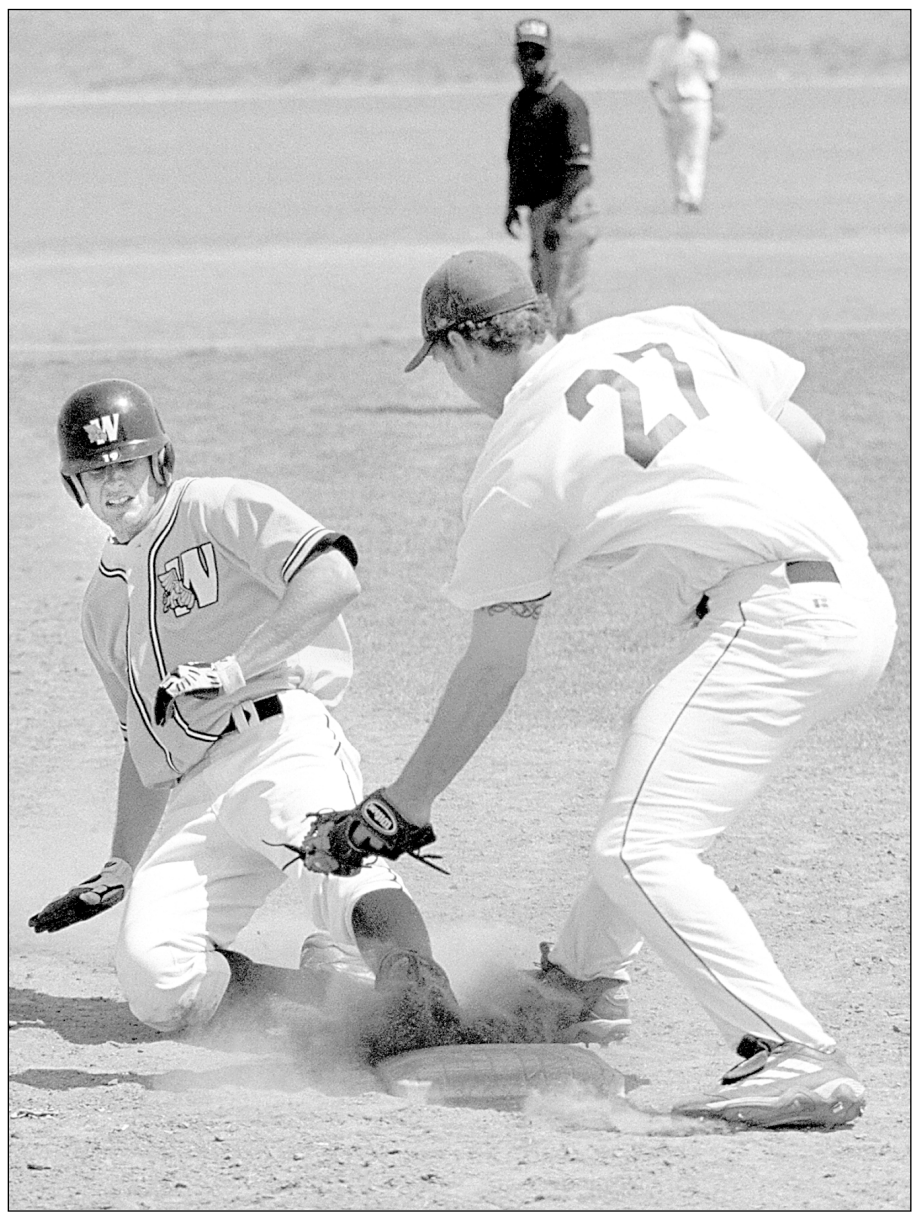
The Lions were beaten soundly by the Griffons, 21-14.

Taylor, the starting pitcher, gave up 11 runs on 11 hits in only four innings pitched.

Senior Charlie Robinson, Taylor's relief, turned out to be no relief at all after he gave up five runs on four hits in only one-third of an inning. Freshman Dustin Brown and Bailey also pitched in relief.

They gave up two and three runs respectively before the game came to a close.

"It was just one of those days," Turner said of the third game in the series. "They were hot, and we did not pitch or hit well, but it gave some of our younger guys a chance to play and get some experience. I have lost by more in the past, and I'll probably lose big again, so I'm not worried that much by losing big now."



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Senior third baseman Mark Keister attempts to tag out Kurt Waller of Missouri Western during the April 13 game. Southern lost 21-13.

Southern is still in a good position at this point of the season.

With a record of 24-15 (12-7 MIAA) it is in third place in the conference which still puts them in post-season play.

"If we stay in the top four of the conference and make the tournament, we'll be happy. And that is still our goal," Turner said.

The Lions' next scheduled game is Friday at home against Washburn University, but they are likely to make up the doubleheader with Central before then.

Lady Lions, 'down in the count,' look for win

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Southern's Kristen Armilio throws a bunted ball to first base to make the out during the April 13 game against Truman State University.

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

The Lady Lions softball team has lost five of its last six games. The players are a little down in the count.

After a four-game weekend, and a doubleheader

April 15, the Lady Lions have amassed a 17-20 overall record (4-8 in the MIAA).

"We did a good job of getting runners on base," said head coach Jennifer Jimerson. "We just need to work on getting them around and scoring."

Missouri Southern started its weekend against Central Missouri State.

The Lady Lions posted a one-run rally in the seventh inning, but left the tying run on third to end the game.

The Lady Lions managed to split the doubleheader with a 3-1 victory in game two. Southern scored a run in the first three innings, posting eight hits.

The Lady Lions returned to Gene Wild Field on April 13 for a doubleheader against Truman State, who was undefeated in the MIAA.

Freshman pitcher Callie Stanford took the mound for the Lady Lions, giving up only four hits and two unearned runs.

Southern put up seven hits but failed to bring in any runs, leaving the Lady Lions at a loss in game one.

Game two did not look up for Southern.

A four run third inning led Truman to a 6-1 victory.

Putting the past behind them, the Lady Lions traveled to Topeka on April 15 for a doubleheader against Washburn.

Game one proved to be a close contest, as it lasted 12 innings. Southern posted two runs in the top of the seventh.

Washburn answered right back in its next at bat. The international tie breaker went into effect, giving each team a runner on second at the top of the inning.

The two teams remained even, both scoring in the 10th and 11th innings.

After Southern failed to bring in a run in the 12th, Washburn brought in the winning run after a walk with the bases loaded.

"We competed extremely well," said Jimerson.

"It would have been easy for the girls to just lay down and take the loss, but they didn't."

"They hung in there and competed."

Senior pitcher Jana Allison had Southern's only hit in their 5-0 game two loss.

"We'll have to take what we've learned from this weekend and put it to use in the conference tournament," said Jimmerson.

"We'll probably see these teams again."

Southern prepares to take the field at 2:30 p.m. on Friday at Northwest Missouri State.

Their next home game will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday against Pittsburg State at Gene Wild Field.

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except monday, when Ryan's will be closed.

Vail said there are approximately 45 employees that elected to remain employed at Ryan's through the remodel period.

He said roughly half of those employees, mainly servers, elected to use the time as a vacation.

Donna Lindsey, server trainer at Ryan's, decided to work, but seemed to understand her coworkers decision.

"They probably did need a vacation," she said.

Vail said those that wanted to work during the down time were offered cleaning work and other tasks.

He said they also had the choice to commute to Ryan's stores in Springfield and Rogers, Ark.

Lindsey said she worked in Rogers for the first three weeks of the Joplin location's remodeling.

Since then she has been working back at Ryan's in Joplin.

"I've been cleaning here, putting tables up, hanging signs, unloading trucks, all kinds of work," she said.

Vail said all older Ryan's are being remodeled.

He said he first heard the rumor two years ago that the Joplin location was going to be scheduled for a renovation.

Vail was unable to provide sales figures for the restaurant, but he estimated that prior to the remodel the restaurant has served between 5,000 to 7,000 customers per week.

See Southern sports in a new light, join The Chart!

Athletes rise up, show off strength at UA meet

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

With the weather finally cooperating in the four-state area, the Lions track and field team was able to have a showing at the University of Arkansas.

"It was the best meet that we've had this year," said Tom Rutledge, head men's track coach.

"We were blessed with very good weather, the athletes rose up and did a great job."

Missouri Southern was probably one the smallest schools in attendance at the meet, competing mainly against Division I schools.

The Lions had a strong showing in many areas of the meet.

Jamie Tallman and Arley Smith placed first and second, respectively, in the hammer throw. Smith also placed second in the discuss.

Mika Alahaivala threw 223 feet in the javelin placing him first in the event and the nation as well as an automatic birth into the national championships.

Without the bad weather conditions, the runners started coming around.

Brian Lyons ran 3:52 in the 1,500, which could rank him high nationally.

Magnus Holmstrom won the steeplechase in 9:14, which could also rank him high in the nation.

In the pole vault Seth Isringhausen, Kyle Rutledge and Chris Turner placed second, third and fourth, respectively.

They all cleared the height of 16 3/4.

At the beginning of the year, the team had set a goal to have at least eight national qualifying athletes, and now that it has done so, Rutledge feels the team should set some new goals soon.

"There's a lot of track left in the season, so we have to continue to try and improve," Rutledge said.

This week, part of the team is traveling to the University of Kansas to participate in the KU relays.

On Wednesday and Thursday B.J. Blocker is competing in his first ever decathlon.

He has a goal to score 6,000 points, which Rutledge said he'd be happy with for this first effort.

Blocker would need 6,500 points to qualify for nationals.

Not only is Blocker competing in the decathlon, but he will race in the 400 hurdles Friday and the 110 hurdles Saturday.

Petri Kykyri will race in his first 10,000-meter run since the Pittsburg State University meet.

At PSU, Kykyri was able to qualify for the national meet.

Paul Koehler and Craig Rhoades will join Kykyri in the 10,000-meter run.

"I expect to meet stiff competition which will allow us to race better and achieve better times and hopefully gain a couple of more qualifications for the national meet," Koehler said.

Tallman and Smith will compete in the throwing events; Magnus Holmstrom will take part in the 1,500-meter run and the 3,000 meter steeplechase; Brian Lyons will compete in 1,500 and the 5,000-meter run.

All three pole vaulters, Isringhausen, K. Rutledge and Turner, will attend the meet, as well as Michael Stewart in the triple jump.

The Lions will be at the mercy of the weather in Kansas, but hope to still perform well.

The team will see not only Division I competition, but MIAA teams as well.

LION STATS

Women's Tennis

April 15 Results against Lincoln

MSSC (7-2)

Women's Singles

Victoria Garcia, LU, def. Sheryl Posch, MSSC, 6-1, 6-0.

Anastasia Cisco, LU, def. Lacey McMunn, MSSC, 6-2, 6-2.

Ffion Fletcher, LU, def. im McMunn, MSSC, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Amy Stredney, MSSC, def. Ashley Armour, LU, 6-1, 6-0.

Kim Harvey, LU, def. Christian Broyles, MSSC, 8-1.

Doubles

Anastasia Cisco and Victoria Garcia, LU, def. Sheyrl Posch and Lacey McMunn, MSSC, 9-7.

Kim McMunn and Amy Stredney, MSSC, def. Kim Harvey and Tanisha Hall, LU, 8-3.

Ffion Fletcher and Ashley Armour, LU, def. Halee Phillips and Christina Broyles, MSSC, 8-0.

Baseball

April 13 Results — Game 2

MSSC 14 (24-15, 12-7)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Catanzaro cf	4	0	0	0
Copher cf/rf	0	1	0	0
Bronson rf	4	2	2	0
Hughes dh	4	1	0	1
Johnson dh	1	0	1	2
Keister 3b	4	0	0	0
Lawver 3b/2b	1	0	0	0
Nonemaker ph	4	2	1	0
Hergenrother dh	1	0	1	1
Lallemand pr	0	0	0	0
Techlin ss	5	2	1	1
Carver c	4	2	2	2
Ritchie c	1	0	0	0
Schiller1f	3	3	3	2
Peterson lf	2	0	0	0
McMullen 2b	3	0	2	4
Sharp 2b/ 1b	1	1	1	0
Taylor p	0	0	0	0
Robison p	0	0	0	0
Brown p	0	0	0	0
Bailey p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**42**	**14**	**14**	**13**

Missouri Western 14 (24-15, 12-7)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Dano 2b	6	0	2	1
Ring 3b	4	2	0	1
Hill 3b	5	4	3	5
Desch dh	6	4	4	2
Auckland cf	3	1	1	2
Waller rf	6	2	3	3
Grzenda 1b	6	1	2	1
Luedtke ss	6	4	4	2
Freeborn 1f	4	2	3	0
Ivie 1f	2	1	2	2
Carwright p	0	0	0	0
Morris p	0	0	0	0
Total	**48**	**21**	**24**	**19**

MSSC	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**1**
SBU	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**1**

E — Ring, L.; Luedtke, A.; Cartwright, A.; Keister, M. (12); Carver, D. (9), Schiller, K. (3); McMullen,J. (3); Brown,D. LOB — Griffons 8; Lions 3. 2B — Waller, K.; Grzenda, J.; Nonemaker, D.; Hergenrother (8); Carver, D. (5); Schiller, K. (6). SB — Dano, J.; Auckland, A.; Waller, K.; Freeborn, B.

Softball

April 15 Results — Game 2

MSSC 0 (17-20, 4-8)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Woolard ss	3	0	0	0
Roe 2b	3	0	0	0
Reed rf	3	0	0	0
Allison p	2	0	1	0
Barrow o	3	0	0	0
Thirion lf	3	0	0	0
Long 3b	2	0	0	0
Wenton of	2	0	0	0
Armilio 1b	2	0	0	0
Stanford	0	0	0	0
Totals	**23**	**0**	**1**	**0**

Washburn 8 (23-10, 9-3)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Whiit cf	3	2	1	0
Billington rf	2	1	1	2
Clouse 1b	2	0	1	1
Binufuss c	3	0	0	0
Schmidt 3b	3	1	1	1
Huske dh	3	0	1	0
Stewart ss	3	0	1	0
Gleisberg lf	3	1	1	0
Fletcher 2b	2	0	1	0
Sells ph	1	0	0	0
Gregg p	0	0	0	0
Total	**24**	**5**	**7**	**5**

MSSC	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**	
SBU	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**7**	**2**	

E — Allison, J; Long, L; Stewart (17) Gregg (1). DP — Lady Blues 1. LOB —Lady Lions 3; Lady Blues 5. 2B — Allison, J. 3B — Billintong (1). HR — Huske (4). SH — Billington (13). SF —Schmidt (3).

Southern Schedule

Saturday

4 p.m.- Women's Tennis at Maryville for MIAA tourn.

Noon - Baseball home game against Washburn

Noon - Softball game at Missouri Western.

Track in Lawrence, Kan. for University of Kansas Relays

Reaching for the Gold

Athlete wins three medals

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Jackson Johnston received three gold medals at the Special Olympics April 12.

It's the start of the race, he's on his mark. The other young racers are surrounding him, and 16-year-old Jackson Johnston's heart pounds in anticipation.

It seems like an eternity for the race to start, then the pistol goes off like a crack. Jackson jumps ahead of everyone. Running as fast as he can down the track, Jackson takes a commanding lead. He looks toward the mark at the end because he knows how badly he wants that gold medal. When he breaks through the tape at the end the crowd erupts, people are shaking his hand and patting him on the back. He did it, he got that elusive third gold medal of the day while participating in Special Olympics.

Missouri Southern sponsored Special Olympics on April 12. Jackson, a sophomore at Joplin High School, received three gold medals for the softball throw, 100-meter run and the long jump. Jackson said he is competitive when it comes to Special Olympics.

Brenda Yokley, teacher's aide in the specialized room at JHS, has worked with Jackson for two years with his Special Olympic events. The week before the Olympics the class had a volleyball game with the boys against the girls; the boys won.

"They have bowling Special Olympics in the fall," Yokley said. "We've been working on it (the events) for a couple of months now."

Besides participating in Special Olympics, Jackson is also an avid skateboarder. He said he can do tricks that include an ollie and a kickflip. Jackson can almost do a complete 360. Jackson's mother, Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, theatre instructor, said Jackson goes out skateboarding all the time and tries to teach her how to skateboard.

"He tries to get me on there," Gerrie-Ellen said.

"You think I would be able to do that? I think it's that I'm old enough to know better."

Jackson goes skateboarding at The Bridge and other area skate parks. Gerrie-Ellen has never told her son and daughter, Lissa, about their disability, and she doesn't plan on telling them.

"Jackson and his sister Lissa were diagnosed with a specific genetic disability when they were 3 and 4," Gerrie-Ellen said. "The prognosis was not very good, and they basically were not given a lot of encouragement."

She doesn't treat Jackson or Lissa like they have a disability, and she doesn't believe they should be treated any different than anyone else. The result of not telling Jackson and Lissa their specific disability is that they are doing exceptionally well in school and in life said Gerrie-Ellen.

Gerrie-Ellen has always told her children if they want to do something then they should go and do it. When Jackson turned 16, he decided he wanted to get his driver's license. Jackson walked by himself to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain the book needed to study for the license test. He constantly asks his mother about what he needs to do to obtain a driver's license.

He also obtained an application for work at McDonald's so he can save his money to buy a car

Andy Tevis/ The Chart

Sheryl Posch returns a shot during the April 14 match against Lincoln University. The Lady Lions lost 7-2; their record is 5-11.

Lady Lions suffer loss to Lincoln Tigers

BY PHILIP MARTIN
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The combination of Sheryl Posch and Lacey McMunn has catapulted the two to a seventh place ranking in the region.

But, the combination of Posch and Lacey McMunn didn't prove effective against Anastasia Cisco and Victoria Garcia of Lincoln University on April 14. Posch and Lacey McMunn were leading the match 6-3 but with mistakes fell 9-7. The season record for 2002-03 for Posch and Lacey McMunn is 14-8. The No. 2 doubles spot proved more effective for the Lady Lions. Kim McMunn and Amy Stredney overcame Kim Harvey and Tanisha Hall (8-3). Julie Wengert, women's tennis coach, said Kim McMunn and Stredney started off slow but were able to win their match.

The No. 3 doubles of Halee Phillips and Christina Broyles were defeated by Ffion Fletcher and Ashley Armour (8-0). Wengert said the goal of Phillips and Broyles is to win as many games as possible. Their record for the season is 4-12.

"Their beginning to start to play better together; every time they go out there they look a lot better than they have in the past" she said.

"They have their goals they have to meet."

Right after a tough loss Posch and Lacey McMunn went out and played their singles matches. Posch lost to Garcia (6-1, 6-0) and Lacey McMunn lost to Cisco (6-2, 6-2).

Wengert believes Posch and Lacey McMunn weren't ready to play another match.

"I don't know if they were mentally prepared to go out and win a singles match after that," she said.

"I know the wind played a big factor in everybody's matches, too. Like I tell the girls every time the other team is playing in the wind too, be ready to use it to your advantage."

Kim McMunn played a hard match where in the second set she won, but in the third set Fletcher didn't make any mistakes. Fletcher won the match (6-2, 3-6, 6-2). Stredney won an easy match against Armour (6-1, 6-0). Harvey defeated Phillips (6-1, 6-0), and Broyles fell to Hall (8-1).

"Halee struggled a little bit, but she wasn't feeling very well yesterday, and she went ahead and played," Wengert said. "She needs to work on her consistency. A lot of the girls on the team mentioned that Christina is improving every day and they're just surprised at how good she looks for only having played for two months."

The Lady Lions who are currently 5-11 are preparing to head to conference on April 18-19 at Northwest Missouri State University.

If the tournament gets rained out it will be moved to St. Joseph which has indoor courts.

Wengert hoped the matches against LU would prepare the team for conference, but after the loss she plans to hold some "productive and very intense practices."

"I was a little disappointed with yesterday's (April 14) match," she said. "I felt like a lot of the people weren't ready to play a match yesterday.

They had the whole weekend off and it looked like they had two weeks off by the way they were playing yesterday."

She said before the match she thought the team was ready for conference. Through practices she hopes to raise the spirits of the team in preparation for the conference tournament.

Southern fares fifth in Kansas tourney

BY KRISTEN SMITH
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Thirty-mile-an-hour winds gave all teams at the District V Invitational a run for their money and left Southern finishing fifth out of the 11 teams playing.

"The team wasn't really pleased with it," said freshman Nick Marks.

"But we gave it what we got."

The men were only five strokes behind Missouri Western State College. Washburn University finished first followed by Pittsburg State University and Central Missouri State University.

"I think it was a big let down," said sophomore Andy Koehler. "The general feeling of the team is that we played poorly."

The five men representing Southern at the Invitational were seniors Mickey Carpenter Kyle Long and Tug Baker; sophomore Danny Sinksen; and Marks. Koehler went with the team and played as an individual.

Sinksen finished 14th with 156 strokes, only eight strokes behind first place.

Long and Marks held 158, strokes tying at 18th place with CMSU's Michael Wood and Caleb Turbett from Winona State.

"Right now we are in a slump," Koehler said.

"A lot of players are discouraged and are not playing well." Koehler feels the weather has a lot to do with the poor outcome of the recent tournaments.

"I can't think of anyone that's really mentally focused," Koehler said.

He also said a big problem the team is facing right now is finding five key players who travel and play well together.

"In the last three tournaments, we have switched up our roster a lot," Koehler said.

"This is the first tournament that I went to where I haven't been in the top five since I started playing for Southern."

When the team returned from California, Koehler decided to make some changes in his swing. Since then he's been practicing his new techniques.

"I haven't shown that I can play at that high level again," he said.

Koehler said the lack of mental focus serve

The Lions have three tournaments remaining this season. Monday and Tuesday the men will be in Topeka, Kan., for the Washburn Invitational at WU.

"I think if we practice hard this week we can win it," Marks said. "I think we have the talent to do it."

The men are also preparing for the MIAA tournament at Alvamar Golf Course in Lawrence, Kan., on April 28 and 29.

"We want to play well in the rest of the Tournaments so we will have a chance to go for nationals," Marks said.

In order to get to nationals the Lions will need to bump up to first place in regionals from their current stand at second place.

The team must receive an invitation to play at the National tournament.

Placing first at regionals is a sure bet for the team to make it to nationals.

The Great Lakes/Central Super Regional will be hosted by SBU this year.

The tournament will take place at Silo Ridge Golf Course in Bolivar.

"I think we have a good shot," Long said. "Talent wise we are the best team in our region."

Andy Koehler said the team feels they will have no problem making it to nationals.

"Last year we won so I think everyone is excited to go back," Long said.